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N°. 1.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Agent for his Majesty's Squadron acquainting us he has a quantity of Provisions to send to the Squadron We request you will not detain them longer than is necessary for the unlading them as the Gentlemen at Bombay will greatly need the Consignment of Salt Petre for the Tonnage of their homeward bound shipping.

You will observe by the Copies of the Captain's sailing Instructions that we have given them no further directions than to proceed to Fort St. George for which reason it will be necessary for your Honour &ca. to give them a fresh Dispatch to Bombay, and as it is usual for the Gentlemen there to lodge Orders for the Ships at Anjengo and Tellicherry. You will be pleased to direct them to call there.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servants
Henry Vansittart.
W. Ellis.
W. B. Summers.
H. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Culling Smith.

Fort William,
1st. December 1760.

N°. 2.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since closing our Packet to you by this Ship, the heads of the respective Offices have delivered in account deficiencies signed by the Commander which we now enclose and which must be forwarded always with the respective Ships.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt. hble Servants
H. Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
W. B. Summers.
W. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
15th. December 1760.

N°. 3.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort S^t. George.
&c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the Month of December.

I must request the favour you will be pleased to comply with the enclosed Indents.

I am with the Utmost Respect,

Masulipatam
6th. January 1761.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & Most humble Servant
James Alexander.

Indent of Sundrys Wanting at Masulipatam for the year 1761.

Broad Cloth Fine Scarlet		20 Pieces.
Emmerald Green		10 d°.
Aurora		15 d°.
Perpetuanoes Ordinary Green	15	
Yellow	15	
Red	15	
Blue	6	
	—	51 d°.
Velvets		
Green	2	
Yellow	2	
Blue	2	
White	2	
Orange Colour	2	
	—	10 d°.
Stationary Ware		1 Chest.
Weight and Scales		1 Sett.
Iron		40 Weight.

Masulipatam
6th January 1761.

James Alexander.

N°. 4.

To the Honble George Pigot
President &c^a. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen,

We received your favours under Date of the 7th. September 1759 by the Valentine arrived the 6th. of June and by the Suffolk the 9th. of the same Month. M^r. Herbert the Honble Comp^y's. Agent at Batavia put on board each of these ships nineteen Chests (19) of Treasure But he as we suppose having occasion for six (6) of them, ordered three (3) out of each Ship, and consequently each Bill of Lading is for sixteen Chests (16) which the Captains acknowledge to have on Board.

The Pocock arrived the 24th. of August, by her we received your favour under Date of the 12th. of June, and Duplicate of the Letter you favoured us with by the Oxford, she also arrived here from Manilha the 26th. of September and by her M^r. Francis Barnewall consign'd us for the account of our Honble

Employers sixty four (64) Chests of Treasure containing by the Invoice One hundred and ninety two Thousand (192,000) Spanish Dollars.

The Griffin arrived the 15th. of July consigned to us by the Presidency of Bombay. We are sorry you found yourselves under the necessity of keeping the part of her Stock we expected by the Pocock.

As yet none of our Ships are arrived from Europe or have we any other Account of them, than that an English Ship was in the Streights of Sunda in August and stood out again upon hearing the News of Bencoolen being in the Hands of the French.

We beg leave to observe to you the unfortunate Circumstance of the Non-arrival of our Ships has laid us under great difficulties. But in full expectation of your having given those destined first to your Settlement a speedy Dispatch and in case of their being too late for the Common Track positive Orders to proceed Captain Willsons passage, We shall make such preparation for them, as to enable us to send some of them immediately for England which we are certain will be of the greatest Consequence to the Company.

We are very sorry to find you are under the necessity of sending Passengers home by this way. Mrs. Lambe with her family were obliged to be put ashore at Macao, and finding them in such distressed Circumstances as to have nothing to support them, We have upon their application been obliged to grant them an allowance which we shal debit you for and transmit you an Account thereof should the inclemency of the Weather prevent their embarking on the departure of the Ships they must be under the disagreeable necessity of waiting at Macao another Season.

We have sold the Redwood you consign'd us by the Valentine and Suffolk but the Merchants not chusing to give us the same Price for that you consign'd us by the Oxford, We are resolved to keep it.

The prohibition on raw and wrought Silks is put in force this year, We are told it will be taken off the next.

We sincerely congratulate you, Gentlemen, on the success the Honble Company's Arms have had in India and We hope your expected Reinforcements will have arrived in time to have effected the Conquest of Pondicherry.

We have experienced such encroachments from the Mandarines and Merchants here and which are now become so burthensome, that unless the several Companies trading here should fall on the same Scheme to defeat their projects. We are very doubtfull the Terms will in a few Years be too exorbitant, and too disadvantageous to continue the sending Ships. The Merchants have even now form'd themselves into an Association often, and these/ and no others/ with the sanction of the Magistrates are to trade with the Europeans. We fortunately had done our business chiefly before this Monopoly commenced. But the foreigners have severely felt the Effects of it. The violence the Magistrates committed the last Year on Mr. Flint for our endeavouring to obtain a redress of Grievances (which they acknowledged to be such) is a recent proof that neither our persons or the properties of our employers can after such a violation be look'd upon as safe, untill proper satisfaction be obtained—Mr. Flint still continues in close confinement without our being able to hear anything from us.

We hope you will not the next Year keep back any of the treasure designed for Canton. As your doing it will greatly distress us, particularly as the power invested in us to take up money is on such disadvantageous terms that we cannot flatter ourselves with the expectation of getting by that means a single Dollar.

The Pocock brought here only one french Officer and fourteen french Prisoners.

The Cuddalore return'd here the beginning of September. We herewith enclose you a price Current and are Gentlemen

CANTON
OCTOBER 30, 1760.

Your most humble Servants
THOMAS LOCKWOOD.
FRANCIS WOOD.

PRICE CURRENT FOR 1760.

Amber	ꝑ Catty	15	—	—
Assafetida	ꝑ Pec^{s}.	22	—	—
Benjamin 1st. Sort				
D^{o}. 2^{d}. Sort				
Beetle Nutt Batavia & Mallabar	ꝑ Pec^{s}.	2	5	—
D^{o}. Cochinchina		3	5	—
Bees Wax	ꝑ Catty	20	—	—
Bezoar Cow	d^{o}.	3	500	—
Birds Nestfine	ꝑ Catty	2	500	—
D^{o}. 2^{d}. sort	d^{o}.	38	—	—
Cardimums White	ꝑ catty	28	1·400	—
Cloth Cuttings Black				
Cloves	ꝑ Pec.	150	—	—
Copper Japan	ꝑ			
Camphire Baroos 1st sort				
2 D^{o}.		15	—	—
3 D^{o}.		12	—	—
Cotch Pegu 1st sort				
2^{d} d^{o}.		7	—	—
Coral Beeds very fine	ꝑ catty	120	—	—
D^{o}. Branch		32	—	—
Cotton Surat		10	—	—
Dragons Blood		20	—	—
Elephants Teeth 3 a p^{e}.		45	—	—
4 d^{o}.		39	—	—
10 d^{o}.		32	—	—
20 d^{o}.		26	—	—
Flints	ꝑ p^{c}.	—	720	—
Gensing Conada	ꝑ Catt.	—	22	—
Gocul		5	—	—
Insence or Olibanum		5	—	—
Lead		3	300	—
D^{o}. Red		3	400	—
Myrrh 1st sort	ꝑ p^{c}.	30	—	—
2^{d} d^{o}.		20	—	—
Nutmegs		80	—	—
Pepper Mallabar		15	—	—
D^{o}. Long		9	—	—
Dutchuck		56	—	—
Rattans		2	2	—
Rosum Aloes		60	—	—
Redwood		5	—	—
Sago		5	—	—
Seed Pearl		60	—	—
Sharks Fins		25	—	—
Smalts or blue		10	—	—
Stick lack		9	—	—
Sawallow or Becho, de Mer. 1st. sort		30	—	—
D^{o}. 2^{d}. d^{o}.		25	—	—
D^{o}. 3^{d}. d^{o}.		15	—	—
White d^{o}.		5	—	—
Tin		12	500	—
Tortoise Shell		90	—	—

Wax		22	—	—
Wood Agula very fine		150	—	—
D°. Black			..	
D°. Sandal 1st. sort		9	—	—
2d. d°.		7	—	—
Tymore		3	0	0

EXPORTS 1760.

Allum Nankeen	℘ pe.	1	500	—
Camphire		20	—	—
China Root		3	200	—
Galingall		1	500	—
Gumbojum		35	—	—
Ginger		3	400	—
Gold 81 Touch a 10 W		123	—	—
Mohagan or China Taffron		1	300	—
Mother Pearl Shells		8	—	—
Musk ℘ c.		24	—	—
Native Cinnabar		100	—	—
Quick Silver		110	—	—
Raw Silk not to be bought		—	—	—
Rhubarb		25	—	—
Sapan Wood		1	3	—
Sugar		4	—	—
Chinchew Sugar Candy 1st. sort		11	—	—
Cochinchina		6	500	—
Tutenague		5	800	—
Turmerick		2	800	—
Vermillion, ℘c.		40 to 50.		—

N°. 5.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

We have this day dispatched to you the Leopard Snow Captain Alexander Barclay and have laden on her agreeable to what we wrote you in our Letter of the 20th. November fifty Chests of Ophium to enable you to send her to the West Coast, We have likewise laden on her 965 Bags of Rice for the use of your Presidency and having a few Casks of Salt provisions which came from Europe last year and which we imagine may be usefull at your Settlement either for the Supply of the Squadron or some other Occasions. We have consigned them to you on the Leopard Snow as ℘ Invoice enclosed.

Since closing our Last we have rec̄ed from our Master Attendant two Protests against the Commanders of the Lord Mansfield and Sandwich made by their Pilots. Copies of which are now enclosed and of the Letters relative to them—should those ships be still at your place you will be pleased to examine strictly into their Conduct and acquaint our Hon̄ble Masters what they have to offer in their defence, as we shall transmit the Protests to Europe by the Royal Duke. If these Ships should be dispatched for the Mallabar Coast before you receive this we request you will forward them to the President and Council at Bombay.

On examination of the Medicines rec̄ed from Europe this Season the Surgeons inform us three Chests (marked N°. 2, 3, 4 Fort William) do not agree with any Invoice of ours We imagine they were intended for your Presidency

and that you have got what was intended for us. We now transmit you Copy of their Contents.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. hum. Servants
HENRY VANSITTART.
P. AMYATT.
W. ELLIS.
H. SMYTH.
S. WALLER.
CULLING SMITH.

FORT WILLIAM
DECEMBER 29TH. 1760.

Inclosed is the List of a small present sent by Capn. Barclay for the Sultan of Moco Moco.

N°. 6.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on your Honour &ca. by the Snow Andrews Anthony Lafontine Master on board whom I have laden on account & Risque of the Honble Company fifty five Bales of Callicoes as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed being the whole of the remaining Ballances of what Money reced from Masulipatam and hope the same will meet your Honour &ca's. Approbation.

I am with the greatest Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble and most
Obedient Servant
GEORGE DOLBEN.

BANDARMALANKA
THE 14TH. JANUARY 1761.

N°. 7.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Herewith your Honour &ca. will be pleased to receive Duplicate of my last with Duplicate Invoice and Bill of Lading of fifty five Bales of Calicoes consigned to your Honour &ca. by the Snow Andrews.

I am with the greatest Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble and most Obedient
Servant,
GEORGE DOLBEN.

BANDARMALANKA
THE 15TH. JANUARY 1761.

N°. 8.

To the Hon~ble~ George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^s^. Council at
Fort S^t^. George.

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 21st. October ℔ Calcutta Snow with Duplicate of that of the 12th. of the same Month by the Boneta Sloop we have had the pleasure to receive The Bill of exchange enclos'd in the former in our favour we have tender'd to Messrs. Ellis & Fullerton who have accepted and will honour the same when due.

As we find a great hindrance in our business & Loss arising to the Company from the want of Arcot Rupees for the payment of our Troops, carrying on the Investmt. and other Branches of our Affairs; We purpose coining that specimen in our Mint, but not being able to procure perfect stamps. We request your Honour &ca. will favour us with some, We likewise request you will prevail upon some of the most experienced persons who have been employed in your Mint to come down to the Bay and assist us in our Coinage. They may be assured they shall meet with all the encouragement in our power suitable to their Merit.

By the account deficiencies of the Lord Mansfield transmitted to us by that ship. We find three Chests of Medicines were short delivered which has since been reced here, and as we imagine you may have occasion for them at your Presidency we have reshipped them on.

Agreeable to what we have already wrote you we now dispatch the Onslow Captain Hinde to you half laden you will please to fill her up and give the Captain his final dispatches for Europe, In your Packet to us by that Ship you omitted to transmit to us her Invoice from Europe. You will therefore be pleased to forward it to us by the first Opportunity that we may be enabled to give the Company due credit in our Books for the Amount of her Cargoe.

We must repeat our former request of having the papers sent down relative to the Charge laid against Ali Verdi Mustapha that we may bring him to a tryal.

Yesterday imported the Victoria Snow from Persian with the English Gentlemen who were prisoners We enclose you a Letter from the King of the Burmahs to Mr. Pigot, likewise a Copy of Captain Walter Alves Journal of his proceedings.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort William
December 20th. 1760.

Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
Wm. B. Sumner.
H. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Culling Smith.

N°. 9.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have ordered ten thousand bags of rice to be purchased which we intend for the Supply of your Presidency and a part of it being now ready, We have directed One thousand bags to be laden on the Onslow at Culpie, but not being able to learn the particulars of the expence and Charges attending the purchase We must wait till an Opportunity offers to forward to you Invoice thereof.

We must here repeat our request for a Supply of two hundred tons of Redwood as speedily as possible in order to assist us in the Tonnage of the respective Ships for Europe.

As our Investment this season will greatly fall short of ours as well as the Company's expectations and as it will on that account, be very essential to their Interests to receive their Consignments from this place as early as possible We beg leave to recommend the dispatching of the Onslow from your Presidency with all possible Expedition.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Ob. Hble. Servants
Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
Wm. B Sumner.
H. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
22d. December 1760.

N°. 10.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Presidt. and Governour &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Gentlemen of St. Helena having wrote pressingly to us for a Supply of Stores and Provisions for the use of that Island we have laden on this ship five Tons over and above What we mentioned in our account Tonnage which we now advise you of for your guidance.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hum. Servants
Henry Vansittart.
W. Ellis.
W. B. Sumner.
H. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
the 26th. December 1760

N°. 11.

To The Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is duplicate of our last and Mahomud Usof Caun having made proposals to the Chief and Factors at Anjengo as ℔ Copy enclosed, for their supplying him with upwards of twenty thousand (20,000) Yards of Woolen Goods we dispatch this to desire your Honour &c^a^. will acquaint us as expeditiously as possible whether a compliance therein will interfere with your Presidency and if you deem him responsible for such an amount. Also whether he may be supplied with warlike Stores there, provide a Communication can be opened with him without disgusting the King of Travencore.

We are sorry to acquaint your Honour &c^a^. we have not yet had any account of our expected Ships from England of a later date than the 6th. May last.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hble Servant

Bombay Castle
18th. December 1760.

Cha. Crommelin.
J. Byfeld.
William Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Robert Holford
Samuel Court.

N°. 12.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a^.
Council at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We enclose Duplicate of our Address under the 27th. Ultimo since when the Select Committee have laid before us, an Extract from your advices of the 14th. October.

It affords us great satisfaction to perceive the favourable prospects Your Honour &c^a^. have of reducing Pondichery and the successfull attempt made on the Baleine and Hermisu frigates.

We forward Duplicate of our last Admiral Steevens, which we desire your Care of and are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd^t^. hble Servants

Bombay Castle
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N°. 13.

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Fort William
24th. December 1760.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obd[t]. hble Servants
H. Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. B. Sumner.
H. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Culling Smith.

14.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq[r].
President. & Gov[r]. &c[a]. Council of Fort S[t].
George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to your earnest intreaty Lieu[t]. Colonel Callaud now takes his passage to proceed to you on the Godolphin Captain Hutchinson.

Lieut. Theodore Christopher Chaigneau being desirous to accompany him to the Seige of Pondicherry, we have given him our permission accordingly.

Fort William
January 8th. 1761.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed[t]. hum. Servants
H. Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W[m]. B. Sumner.
H. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Cull[g] Smith.

N°. 15.

To the Hon~ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t.
George.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

We have received from the Governour and Council of Negapatam a Bill of Exchange (a copy of which we have the Honour to transmit herewith) drawn on your Honour &c^a. by Messrs. Richard Wyatt and Alexander Hall for 2800 Spanish Dollars, which they received at Padang. We therefore beg your Honour &c^a. will be pleas'd to acquaint us if you intend to repay the Amount thereof otherwise the Original Bill must be returned to Negapatam.

We are with great esteem
Hon~ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Ob^t. hble Serv^ts.
Ch. Van Teylengen.
H. De. Johnchure.

Puliacat
February 5th. 1761.

These are to Certify that We have received of the Hon~ble Netherlands Company at Padang the sum of two thousand Eight hundred Spanish Dollars on account of the English East India Company which sum We pray the Hon~ble George Pigot Esqr. President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George to pay on demand unto the said Netherlands Comp^y. and in further Security of the payment of the said sum of two thousand Eight hundred Spanish Dollars, We hereby agree in case of refusal of the payment thereof . . . That the said Netherland Company shall have recourse on us drawers in witness whereof We have signed three Certificates if this Tenour and Date one of which being accomplished the two others to stand void dated at Padong the 7th August 1760 signed Richard Wyatt & Alexander Hall.

N°. 16.

To the Hon~ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a. Council at Fort S^t. George.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address waited on your Honours &c^a. the 23^d. December.

We have now the pleasure to inform your Honour &c^a. that all the ships and Troops destined to this side of India are safe arrived, the latter are landed all at Tellicherry in good health.

By his Majesty's Ship Chatham we received, two Packets from our Hon~ble Masters one to the Address of your Honour &c^a. and one to the Presidency of Bengal which we now enclose and request you will please to forward ℘ the first Opportunity. She intends sailing shortly to join the Admiral.

We now have the satisfaction of Congratulating your Honour &c^a. on the late Glorious news of the Surrender of Pondicherry to the British Arms.

We remain with Respect,
Hon~ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Ob^t. hble Servants
J. Whitehill.
Arthur King.
William Stratton.

Anjengo
30th. Jan^ry. 1761.

N°. 17.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq[r].
President and Governour &c[a]. Council at Fort S[t]. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 20th. December last we have duly received and Consequence of the Information therein Given us, have prohibited the exportation of Opium to the West Coast which order it shall be our Constant endeavours to see adhered to.

We have this day Dispatched to you the Prince Edward Captain James Haldane with Bags of Rice amounting to 6 Rupees as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed which is the whole we have been able to Collect at this time.

We purposed to have sent you on her likewise a Consignment of Treasure, but find our utmost Efforts to supply you at this Juncture fruitless as the disturbances in the Burdwan Country have prevented our Collecting the Revenues that are due. We yet flatter ourselves we shall be able to send you some supply this Season should it be necessary, and as there is so much reason to hope Pondicherry is now in your hands, We are the Less apprehensive of Bad Consequences from the Present Disappointment.

Enclosed you will receive Copies of our Letters of the 24th. December 1760 and 8th. Ultimo with Charter Party of the Ship Prince Edward and Invoice of Sundries Laden on the Onslow.

Colonel Callaud has received no Appointment either as Major or Colonel since he has been in Bengal as your Honour &c[a]. probably have directions f[m]. England on this subject we request you will be pleased to pay him.

We are
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort William
2[D]. February 1761.

Henry Van Sittart.
P. Amyatt.
H. Ellis.
W[m]. B. Sumner.
H. Smyth.
S. Waller.
Culling Smith.

N°. 18.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq[r].
President & Gov[r]. &c[a]. Council of Fort S[t]. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On Receipt of your Letter of the 7th. Ult[o]. we detained the Prince Edward & unloaded 1140 Bags of Salt Petre to make room for some heavy Cannon which we purposed sending you, But on the arrival this day of the very Agreeable advice of the surrender of Pondicherry we have detained the Military Stores, as we have reason to hope you will be able to supply yourselves from that Capture, & as we shall be Greatly in want of heavy Cannon for our new Fortifications we request you will send us as many as you can spare with Carriages and a proportion of shott.

We had taken up and freighted the Calcutta Snow to carry to you 1000 Barrels of Gunpowder. But shall now lade on her as much grain as possible with Freight or other Goods to save the Company's expence.

We beg Leave in this Place to Offer you our Congratulations on the Late Happy and Glorious success of our Arms Against Pondicherry we hope it will enable you to Collect the Revenues upon your Coast without Interruption & that those may prove sufficient to answer your Demands, but should you have urgent Occasions for A Supply from hence, you will be pleased to inform us; in the meantime we shall employ such sums as we are able to Collect to make as large an Investment as possible which must prove highly advantageous to our Honble Masters Interest.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed^{t}. hum̃. Serv^{ts}.

FORT WILLIAM
FEBRUARY 9TH. 1761.

HENRY VAN SITTART.
P. AMYATT.
W. ELLIS.
W^{M}. B. SUMNER.
H. SMITH.
S. WALLER.
CULLING SMYTH.

LIST OF PACKET TO FORT S^{T}. GEORGE ℘ PRINCE EDWARD.

N°. 1 General Letter under date the 9th. February 1761.
2 General Letter under date the 2 Feb^{y}.
3 D^{o}. Dup. D^{o}. 8 January.
4 D^{o}. D^{o}. D^{o}. 24 December 1760.
5 Invoice of Goods Laden in the Prince Edward.
6 D^{o}. D^{o}. on the Onslow.
(5 and 6: These two not being ready will be sent by the next Opportunity.)
7 D^{o}. of Military stores sent to Fort S^{t}. George dated 4th. September 1759.
8 D^{o}. of D^{o}. dated 1st. Ap^{l}. 1760.
9 Copy of Captain Haldane's Sailing Instructions.
10 Copy of Prince Edwards Charter Party.

FORT WILLIAM
9TH. FEBRUARY 1761.

GEORGE GRAY
Secretary.

N°. 19.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We Addressed you last under the 3^{d}. and 4th. Ultimo duplicate of which are Enclosed.

By Advices from Anjengo We are Informed of the Glorious Success of Your Arms in the Reduction of that important Place Pondicherry the 16th. Ultimo on which most agreeable occasion we heartily Congratulate your Honour &c^{a}. and hope in a small time to have the satisfaction to add that myhie Remains not the only place the French Possess in the East Indies as we are preparing to Attack it by Sea and Land and the state of it is such as, by all Accounts cannot hold out any time.

It Gives us unfeigned Concern that our Joy on this Occasion should be alloyed by the terrible Misfortune too many of his Majesty's squadron on your Coast have undergone from the dreadful Effects of a Storm. But observing by a private Letter from Admiral Stevens dated the 5th. Ultimo that masts and

sparrs of all kinds were much wanted for the dismasted ships and hearing there were a Parcel of Poor Wood to be got at Mangalore We dispatched ship Futtee Salam to take them in, provided Lieut. Leads late of Ship Cumberland judged them proper for the service We shall also send on ship Earl Temple who will proceed with the other as many more as she can take in; and as Neither of them will now carry any of the Kings troops, they being all to be kept on this Coast by orders from Bombay, there will be more Room for such stores And you may depend on our dispatching them Round with all Convenient Expedition.

Enclosed is a Packet for your Honr. &ca. Received by a Macow Ship from Canton.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants

TELLICHERRY
4TH. FEBRUARY 1761.

THOS. HODGES.
TITUS SCOTT.
THOS. SATCHWELL.
JAMES RYLEY.
WILLM. ASHBURNER.

No. 20.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST.
GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for Ten Thousand (10,000) Masulipatam Rupees, shipped on Board the Amelia Schooner Thomas Freeman Commandr. on Account and Risque of the Honourable Company which I have carried to the Debit of the Presidency.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedt. and most humble
Servant

MASULIPATAM
23D. FEBRUARY 1761.

JAMES ALEXANDER.

No. 21.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the month of January.

I am with the Utmost Respect.
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant

MASULIPATAM
6TH. FEBRUARY 1761.

JAS ALEXANDER.

N°. 22.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governour of Fort S^{T}. George &c^{A}. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the month of February.

I am with the utmost Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most humble
Servant
Ja^{s}. Alexander.

Masulipatam
6TH. March 1761.

N°. 23.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council
at Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to our Letters of the 24th. October, and 27th. November We now send the Drake and Success Bomb Ketches, and Ship Futtee Salam, to Accompany the Earl Temple, with his Majestys Troops from Tellycherry to your Coast.

All the Commanders will be Ordered to Join the Admiral off Pondicherry, and we have desired him to employ the two Bombketches in the Reduction of that place but to return them to us immediately after, as our trade will be greatly distressed in their Absence for the necessary Convoys two Artillery Officers & two Bombardiers proceed on them, to take Care of the Mortars & Stores requisite for them, who have received their pay to the 31st. Instant and We shall at their Request make good the Pay of the former to their Attornies here, and by those two Vessells and the Fattee Salam We consign your Honour &c^{a}. Six hundred (600) Barrells of Gunpowder Besides a supply of Wheat, Rice and shot, by the Latter amounting as ℔ Accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading to Rupees 47245—2—73.

The Futtee Salam being freighted for transporting such of the Troops, as the Other Vessells could not accomodate as also the Above mentioned supply of Provisions & stores We are to desire your Honour &c^{a}. will return her, as soon as possible to Anjengo, directing the Commander to follow such Orders as he may receive from the Chief & Factors there.

As to our Hoñble Masters Own Ship the Earl Temple, We now pursuant to their Commands, tender her to the Admiral, to be employed with the Squadron in Case he should Judge proper but otherwise he is desired to put the Command under your Honour & Direction and they having given us particular Orders Concerning her Destination in Case the Admiral shoud not employ her, We enclose Copy thereof for your observation and shall forward the other necessary Papers as soon as we receive her Packet from Tellycherry which we shortly expect by the Triton desiring your Honour &c^{a}. will agreeable thereto, employ her in such manner as you Judge most conducive to the Hoñble Companys Interest as we shall exclusive of her have a very large Tonnage to provide for.

We likewise transmit such Part of the Court of Directors their Commands, as relate to the Kings troops we now Order from Tellicherry to your Coast, but as we have received no other Recruits for our Military or Marine,

than four Cadets and we have not Actually more Military than are absolutely necessary for the ordinary Duty of the Garrison, We must earnestly entreat your Honour &c^a^. will return of the Troops We have sent to your Presidency to the number of six hundred (600) at least by the Middle of April next, whether you succeed in the expedition against Pondicherry or not, declaring to you, that in our Opinions this Island will otherwise be exposed to the Greatest Danger from the Enemy, and we must under such circumstances accordingly deem you answerable for any Consequences that may ensue, We shall therefore at all Events expect the above mentioned Number of six hundred Military or more to be returned hither by the Middle of April.

The Gentlemen at Tellycherry as likewise Majors Munro and Piers, have proposed making an Attempt against Mihie with his Majestys Troops, now at that Settlem^t^. But which We have declined lest it might prove of any Hindrance to the Expedition Against Pondicherry which with their Assistance We hope you shall be shortly able to succeeed in.

Our Hoñble Masters having Acquainted us under the 12th. May 1758 that they had wrote your Honour to send Copies of the Plan you proceeded on in the Agreement made with his Majestys Officers on the Expedition to Bengall for the Division of Plunder Between the Kings & Companys Forces for our Information and Guidance we request your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Compliance therewith, as likewise whether you allow the Company's Troops Fire and Candle in Garrison and We should be obliged to your Honour &c^a^. for transmitting us an exact Account of all allowances whatever made to the King's & Compy's Troops on Y^R^. Establishment in Garrison and in the Field.

We request your Honour &c^a^. will order the Gunpowder We now send you, to be strictly examined on receiving it, and that you will transmit Us Reports of its Condition w^h^. such Remarks as to you appear necessary, on any Defects you may observe in the manufacture or otherwise, pointing out particularly the marks on each of the Barrels, that We may take proper measures to rectify them and bring that material Article to the Greatest Perfection possible.

Having received from Captain Teddiman Commander of His Majesty's Ship Elizabeth some French Officers and private men taken prisoners by the Squadron We desire your Honour &c^a^. will inform Us, how you may have received any such Prisoners, whether on the Kings or Companys Account with the necessary Particulars.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
CHARLES CROMMELIN &C^A^. COUNCIL

BOMBAY CASTLE
18TH. JANUARY 1761.

N°. 24.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The accompanying is Duplicate of our last since when we have not received any Advices from you.

We have the Pleasure to Acquaint you that our Hoñble Masters Ships Neptune York & London imported here the 12th. Instant from Great Britain the Earl Temple is likewise at Tellicherry, & the Egmont which parted from the London to the Westward off the Cape is daily expected.

The Neptune, York and Earl Temple Left Portsmouth the 6th. May, & the other two Ships left Plymouth the beginning of June.

Enclosed is a Packet for your Honour &c[a]. received by the London & we have the Pleasure to hear, that the Deligent Snow was safely arrived in England.

Since writing the above the Egmont is safely Arrived here.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
You most Obedient humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
18TH. JANRY. 1761.

CHARLES CROMMELIN.
T. BYFIELD.
W[M]. HORNBY.
J. SPENCER.
CHA[S]. WATERS.
PETER ELWIN WRENCH.
ROB[T]. HOLFORD.
SAM[L]. COURT.

N°. 25.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
OF MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is duplicate of our last Address under the 14th. Instant.

The Futtee Salam being returned from Mangalore with such Poon sparrs as Could be purchased there being in all six fitt for service We now dispatch her under Convoy of the Earl Temple to your Honour &c[a]. having unloaded her of all her Europe Cargoe except the Coals which exclusive of 5 Bushels still remain on Board on Account their being as Captain Foster informs us quite in the Bottom of the ship and the taking them out would be attend[d]. with a very considerable Loss of time, she goes fitted also in the best manner this place would admit as a Ship of Force in Consequence of our Hoñble Master's Intentions regarding her, and Agreeable to the Directions of our Superiors the Commander will be under the Orders of Rear Admiral Stevens.

Learning from the Commander of Ship Admiral Pocock late from Bengall that the Extraordinary scarcity of Rice wou'd cause your supplies to be far short of your Demands we have continued on Board ship Futtee Salam three thousand five hundred (3500) Bales bought at Mangalore for the Service of this Settlement in the Hope it may prove agreeable to your Hon[r]. &c[a]. and Enclosed you will receive its Invoice with that of the abovementioned sparrs now sent Round on her for the use of his Majesty's Squadron but Besides them there are two Teak and three poon sparrs Borrowed out at Mangalore Belonging to Mess[rs]. Spencer and England the Cost of which is referred to them and the Naval Storekeeper.

The Earle Temple being in want often Casks of Beef ten of Pork and four thousand five hundred and forty six (4546) Pounds of Bread ℘ Cap[t]. Symmons has delivered them out of the Quantity Put on Board for his Majesty's Troops in case they had proceeded Round which your Hon[r]. &c[a]. will please to adjust as We have no Invoice of that ship from Bombay and upon Captain Symons Representing his ship to be much lumbered he has been permitted to land twenty Eight Empty Casks seventy four thousand two hundred (74200) Billets of Wood fifteen Bags of Salt seven hundred sixteen (716) Salt Fish and sixty five (65) pieces of Copperware.

The Drake and Successs Bomb Ketches having been detained here in consequence of Orders from the Presidency We caused 217 Barrels of Gunpowder to be kept on the Earl Temple for the service of your Presidency being

all she cou'd take in but which is not inserted in our Invoice for the Reason abovementioned.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servts.
THOS. HODGES.
TITUS SCOTT.
THOS. SATCHWELL.
JAMES RYLEY.

TELLYCHERRY
22D. FEBRUARY 1761.

P.S.—Enclosed is Captain Fosters Receipt for Another Sparr put on Board him Exclusive of the Above.

No. 26.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to Return A pair of your Pattamars and to acquaint you that ships Earl Temple and Futtee Salam were dispatched the 22d. and sailed the next day destined as before Advised.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
THOS. HODGES.
THOS. SATCHWELL.
JAMES RYLEY.

TELLICHERRY
25TH. FEBRUARY 1761.

No. 27.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlemt. for the month of March.

I am with the utmost Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant
JAS. ALEXANDER.

MASULIPATAM
6TH. APRIL 1761.

N°. 28.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The present is to Inclose your Honour &ca. the Accounts of this place for last month.

I am with the greatest esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Hum. Servt.
Your most Obedt. & most Obliged
Hum Servt.
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
the 20th. March 1761.

N°. 29.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now dispatch to your Honor &ca. the Callcutta Snow Capt. Hugh Baillee with 959 Bags of Rice amounting as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed to Currt. Rups. 3852—11—3 Likewise freight as ℔ List herewith sent you and the Agent Victualler having applyed to us to put on Board 250 Bags of Bread for the use of the Squadron We have given him our Permission.

You will please to unlade the Calcutta Snow as soon as possible as we have agreed to Allow the Owners A.Rs. 100 ℔ Day after the expiration of Twenty one days from the Arrival at your port if Detained Longer.

The Royal Duke was despatched to Europe the 25th. Ulto. and the Latham the 23rd. Instt. the Prince Edward sailed for your place from hence the 9th. Currt. with a Fair Wind and we purpose Despatching the Lord Anson to England the 2d. March with a full Lading.

We hope to have a sufficient Cargo for our Ship in August If the remaining Charter Party Ships of Last Season can be dispatched by the way of China, the Admiral Watson may take on Board a Cargoe from hence if you have not destined her for any other Service We imagine you have been Advised by the Supracargoes in China what Stock of money remains in their hands and from thence may form a Calculate what will be requisite to be sent them for the Loading of the Surplus Ships if you will please to inform us what Assistance you shall want from hence We shall use our Utmost Endeavours to furnish you.

For the Dispatch of our August Ship we shall want an Early supply of Redwood.

Enclosed you will receive a Letter for the President & Council at Bombay which we request you will forward to them.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
Wm. B. Sumners.
H. Smyth.
Culling Smyth.

Fort William
28th. February 1761.

N°. 30.

To the Hon~ble~ George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last dated the 28th. February intended to be sent by the Calcutta Snow but that vessell having been so much damaged by striking on a sand as to be unfit to proceed the Voyage the said Letter was forwarded by the Snow Rawson.

This Sloop the Sea Horse is dispatched at the request of the Select Committee by whom you will be Advised of the state of Affairs here, the Committee have likewise, transmitted to your Honour &ca. an Indent for Military Stores wanted at this Presidency with which we Request your Compliance.

Having no Intelligence of the Fort William Schooner since the Gale of Wind which happened off Pondicherry we much fear she is Lost; and as we are in Great Want of Vessels for the service of the River we request your Honor &ca. will return the Sea Horse with all Expedition.

The Lord Anson having met with Delays in taking on Board her Cargoe by bad Weather at Ingellie was not ready to receive her Dispatches till the 18th. Instant she sailed from thence the 19th. with a Full Cargoe.

On the 22d. Arrived in the River a Prussian Ship Called the King of Prussia, from Europe she left the Tesel the 1st. of June and Touched at the Cape in October where no English ship had been the Last year nor did she meet with any in her passage.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
&ca. Council.

Fort William
30th. March 1761.

N°. 31.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the Honor to receive your letter dated the 25th. of February last, and Communicated the Contents thereof to the Council at Negapatam who have directed us Again to demand your Compliance with the Bill of Exchange for which Messrs. Wyatt & Hall received from our Company the sum of two Thousand Eight hundred Spanish Dollars as it was Advanced only on Condition of being reimbursed by your Honor &ca. there was not the Least Reason to expect such an act of Benevolence would have been repaid with ingratitude or in any manner repugnant to that Generosity for which your nation is so particularly Remarkable in Compliance with the abovementioned Directions We again Demand the amount of that Bill Equity Requires you should pay the same, and it will be in your power to oblige those Gentlemen to Answer for the Consequences resulting from it.

We remain with the Greatest Respect & Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Ch. Van Teylingen.
Hs. De Joncheore.

Pulicate
April 19th. 1761.

N°. 32.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
1 of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since we addressed you in Duplicate under the 18th. January to be forwarded by the Earl Temple & Futtee Salam We have received your favours of the 26th. December 13th. & 28th. January.

As we conclude the Rev^d. M^r. Northcote will return here, with his Majesty's Detachment of Artillery we shall settle his Account Conformable to the Allowances your Honor &c^a. mention to have made the Kings Chaplains on your Coast.

We observe your Honor &c^a. Dispatched the Lord Mansfield & Sandwich hither the 23rd. January, but we have not yet received any intelligence, of their being Arrived on this side which we fear will make it very late before they can be returned Home, We are now loading the Egmont and London for England & hope to get them away in this month.

In consequence of a Letter from M^r. Secretary James dated the 30th. May Last and received at Anjengo by the Chatham Man of War, We transmit your Honor &c^a. a Copy thereof, with a paper enclosed regarding the transit of Venus over the Sun on the 6th. June next.

By the Egmont we received a Packet from our Honble Masters, to your Address, which we have reason to think is the Original of that sent by the London which has been Conveyed to your &c^a. & as it is said to Contain one Directed to John Cailaud Esqr. with his Majestys Brevet Constituting him Colonel of Foot in the East Indies, We keep it to be forwarded by the first sea Conveyance together with the papers from England relative to the Earl Temple.

Our Honble Masters ship, Triton, imported here the 23d. Ultimo from Bengall, and agreeable to the desire of the President and Council, We shall lade what pepper Cotton and other Articles we can on her for China and Dispatch her to your Honor &c^a. for receiving any Treasure you may have to put on Board for Compleating her Stock.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble Serv^ts.

Bombay Castle
11th. March 1761.

Cha: Crommelin.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Robt. Holford.
Samuel Court.

N°. 33.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

In Conformity to your Orders of the 25th. Ultimo This waits on you with fifteen Thousand (15000) Madras Pagodas which I have carried to the Debit of the Presidency.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant,
James Alexander.

Masulipatam
1st. May 1761.

N°. 34.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Your favour of the 25th. Ult°. I have received and agreeable thereto I have dispatched for your place under the care of a Jemmidar and thirty Seapoys One Chest Containing fifteen Thousand (1500) (*sic*) Madras Pagodas.

Inclosed is an Account of the Chest of the Cattle sent up some time ago.

I have the Honour to be with the Utmost Respect,

Masulipatam
2nd May 1761.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
Jas. Alexander.

N°. 36.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The enclosed is a duplicate of our last since when We have not received any Letters from you.

These Pattamars are dispatched purposely to acquaint your Honor &ca. that by Authentick advices received by the way of Bussorah. We are informed of the death of his Majesty on the 25th. October last of an apoplectick Fit & of the Accession of the Prince to the Throne.

We sincerely Condole with your Honor &ca. on the Loss of so great and Good a Prince as his late Majesty during whose Auspicious Reign; every Blessing has attended the Nation. The same Advices mention the sfae Arrival in England of Admiral Pocock with 17 of our Honble Masters Ships abt. the 20th. September last.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
the 8th. May 1761.

Chas. Crommelin.
J. Byfield.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Robert Holford.

P.S.—Enclosed We transmit your Honour &ca. a List of our Honble Masters ships taken up for the service of this year.

N.B.—*The Above N°. 35 should have been wrote in place of N°.* 36.

N°. 35.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you last under the 20th. Instant by our Honble Masters Ship Triton since when we have not received any of your Favours.

The Honble Company, in their Commands both of last year & this having referred us to your Honor &ca. for an Account of what Allowances you make to his Majestys Troops and having lately had an Application on this head from the Commanding Officer of such of them as are now here We dispatch this Pattamar Express & desire you would return it in like manner with a Particular Account properly Attested of all Allowances whatever, whether of Batta House rent or any thing else; you make to his Majesty's Troops either in Garrison or in the Field, & as the Receiving this Account will prevent many disagreeable Disputes We are to request your Honour &ca. would send it with all Expedition & be as explicite thereon as you possibly Can to obviate any Difficulties which may be started to it, as was the case with that you sent us some time ago in regard to the Allowances to the Kings Artillery.

When the Swiss Company belonging to this Establishment was incorporated with the other Troops the Captain of it held his Rank in the Garrison, according to the date of his Commissn. for that Company which was prior to that of some Officers who had been Originally his seniors in the service & which they have Complained of as a Hardship, alledging as he was the only Officer who Cou'd succeed to the Vacancy in the Command of the Swiss Company he ought not on that Account to prejudice them when that Company become incorporated but should rank from the Date of his first Commission as a Subaltern your Honour &ca. will observe by the inclosed Copy of the Companys Orders to us relative to the Swiss Troops they have not provided against any Instance of this nature, but as a similar Case, must most probably have happened with you. We request you would inform us by Return of this Pattamar how you settled the same that We may regulate ourselves accordingly.

Our Honble Masters Ship Sandwich sailed the 28th. Instant to fill up on the Coast for Europe.

We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
30TH. APRIL 1761

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedt. Servants
CHA: CROMMELIN.
J. BYFIELD.
WM. HORNBY.
J. SPENCER.
CHAS. WATERS.
ROBT. HOLFORD.
SAMUEL COURT.

P.S.—We request your Honor &ca. would inform us whether you made any Allowance to the Commanders of the Salisbury, Patty & Brittania for victualling and accommodating the Officers of the Kings Detachment of Artillery in their Passage to your Coast as they have Demanded Batta during that time & as many French Prisoners have arrived her [*sic*] without having received any Account of them We desire you would forward us a List of all those you have sent to their Presidency specifying their several Ranks.

N.B.—Above Letter should been wrote in place of as No. 35.

N°. 37.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governour of Fort S^{T}. George
&c^{A}. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

On my Arrival here I found the Books of this Settlement wrote out but not Ballanced for want of your Account Current you will be pleased to Order that it be immediately sent when the necessary adjustments shall be made and the Books closed.

Herewith comes the Accounts for that month.

I am with Great Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most humble servant
John Andrews.

Masulipatam
21ST. May 1761.

N°. 38.

To the Honourable Geo. Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council of
Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This being the first good Opportunity that has offered since my being taken by Count Estang, I am now to Advise you of the Loss of the Honble Companys Settlement of Nattal: which as it fell under my Charge I beg Leave to give you the Particulars.

On the 5th. February 1760 Early in the morning Advice was brought me that two French ships was at a small Dutch Settlement about 15 Leagues to the Southward Caled Ayer Bongie about two hours after the ships appeared and gave Chase to a small Sloop; that went out of the Road that morning this found them Diversion for that Day and gave me an Opportunity of sending Expresses to the Government of Bencoolen and settlement of Tappanooly as soon as this was done, the state of the works and Garrison of Nattall were Considered when the former was Judged no ways Tenable against an European Force, and the latter thro the many Draughts, that had been made for the Assistant of Tappanooly, to Quit the Disturbances the Atcheens had occasioned there, were reduced to 1 Lieutenant and 31 men of which 5 were French & refused to Carry Arms, 9 in the Hospital, & 5 Topasses (not to be relied on) so that our whole Force was only 33 men with which number and the situation of the place it was Concluded impossible to prevent the immediate loss of the Settlement and it was thereupon unanimously agreed by all the Gentlemen that were in the place, that to endeavour to get the best Terms we Cou'd as soon as the ships Came into the Road; would be the most prudent step that in our situation Cou'd be taken and thereupon Messrs. Hall and Hunter went off but were not able to obtain any more easy than surrendering at Discretion, which tho' hard for the Above reasons, were Accepted off by me and M^{r}. Hall Copy of the Conditions of the surrender is herewith.

By this your Honor &c^{a}. will observe 'twas not in my Power to reserve anything for the Company, but that the whole was delivered to the French; Their Treasure, which was y^{e}. only thing I Cou'd have any Prospect of sending away was about P^{s}. 50,000 this to be sure I might have put on board the Sloop that were out in the morning but at the time of her sailing; I was not Certain that the ships in sight were French & that they wou'd come into Nattal, and had I sent this money away, and anything had prevented their Coming, the Consequence of Being, without money at such a Settlement as Nattall, might

have been extreme bad, as this was my sole motive for Continuing it, on the Place so I flatter myself at your favourable Judgment hereon & only farther Observe; that the event proves that sending it Away would have been equally a Loss. As the Sloop was soon after Cast off & run away w^h^. by her Crew.

Myself and the Gentlemen that were to the Northward, were Carried to Padang from whence Count D'Estang, was Pleased to permit us on our Parole to proceed to the Coast of Choromondel as a Direct Conveyance from Padang, was not to be expected, in May last an Opportunity Offering for Batavia I made Application to the Government for a Passage for all the Companys Servants, on a Snow of the Dutch Companys, in hopes by this means of getting to Madrass Before the Monsoon was up this they Absolutely refused under pretence that their Orders were such as wou'd not Admit of Foreigners taking Passage, on any of their Companys Vessells from this I found no Assistance was to be expected from them, so that what to do to get from Padang, I was extremely at a Loss, and waited till the beginning of August, in hopes of some English Vessell putting in when the Season for getting to the Coast being far Advanced. Mr. Hall made pressing Instances for my Joining with him in making use of the Companys Credit, to enable him to procure a small Vessell to go Directly over to Madrass and it was impossible for him to do this without such Assistance and he at the same time promissing to repay the Amount, Immediately on Demand, in case you shou'd Disapprove of the way he invested the money on these Conditions I took the Liberty to Draw with him on your Honor &ca. Council, in favour of the Netherlands Company for 2800 Spanish pay at Fort St. George, on Demand: Mr. Halls obligation I transmitted to the Honourable Geo. Pigot Esqr. in Address to him of the 21st. of August which went ℔ Mr. Hall Copy whereof is under this Cover as well as the Conditions of Parole.

Mr. Hall left Padang the 24th. Aug'st Accompany'd by Lieut. Fatam. Messrs. Hampton Dunn & Elliott intending Directly for the Coast which I should likewise have been glad to have done, but the smallness of the Vessell and my large Family rendered such a Step Impracticable, in September I applyed again for Passage to Batavia on a Dutch ship In which I likewise met with no better Success than Before however I was given to understand that one of their Sloops was going to Batavia to be repaired, so that I might have a Passage on her and I afterwards found them as Pressing to Get me on Board this Vessel: that with the greatest Difficulty, cou'd be kept above water, as they were Before Backward on Giving me a Passage on either the ship or Snow.

The Bad Condition of this Sloop obliged the master to put into Bencoolen, when I was Detained abt. 20 Days, During which time, Count Estaing Proposed Releasing the English Prisoners Provided Ensign Griffith James Elkington, 3rd. Mate of the Denham wou'd engage themselves as Hostages the former for the Military & the Latter for the Seamen (for the same number of Frenchmen to be set at Liberty at Madrass, and that whatever Expences might attend the maintenance & Transporting them to Coast of Choromondel shou'd be equally Defrayed by both Nations, the terrible Situation the English Prisoners were in Loaded with Irons, where Joined to their bad Provisions and Accommodations, that one month more must have put an end to the greatest Part of them, and nothing Cou'd prevent it, but their entering into the French Service as several had been obliged to, thro' their hard Treatment, and which the french were daily Pressing them to, or a Continuance of their remaining in Irons, induced Messrs. Griffith & Elkington to Signifie to me, that out of humanity and the good of the Companys Service they were willing on their Part, to agree to the Counts Offer Provided they Cou'd be indemnifyed, from any charges in transporg. them to the Coast upon Consideration of this matter, I cou'd not help looking upon the release of so many men, as an Affair which might be of Advantage to the Company, and that the Expence that might arise thro' this, noways to be put in Competition, with the Service they might

be of on the Coast, made me Conclude a Step of this kind wou'd be no ways disagreeable to Your Honour &c^a^. and thereupon I took the liberty to give them on Behalf of the Company, an indemnification for all charges on this Account: Copy of which, together with the Agreement relating to these men are Numbers in this Pacquett.

Conformable to this, the men were put on Board the Dutch Sloop with me & Arrived at Batavia the 6th. November when I flattered myself with the hopes, of being in time to get them an immediate passage on some Dutch Vessell to the Coast thrõ the Streights of Malacca but in this I was disappointed, the Vessells taking that rout being all sailed About 10 or 15 Days before we Reached this Place, this has proved an Unlucky Event, for their long Continuance here has not only Occasioned their Expence to run higher, than I at first imagined; but a Great Mortality amongst them.

Mr. Herbert has made all the Disbursements on their Accot. who will I make no Doubt lay before you the Particulars as this Ship is bound first to Negapatam. I have not made application for a Passage for those men, as the expence of transporting them that way must be large and is to be avoided by sending them Directly to Madrass, on a Ship or two Snows, that will sail some time next Month indeed the Reduction of Pondicherry Joined to a Resumption that the West Coast will be resettled, makes me at some Loss, how to Act, that is whither to send them over or Continue them here, till certain Advices are received of your intentions with regard to Marlbrõ however if none Arrive before, the beforementioned Vessells sail, I shall Consult Mr. Herbert and Act Accordingly.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
RICHD. WYATT.

BATAVIA
MARCH 31ST. 1761.

Conditionée accordies par Monsieur Estaing Brigadier des arrives du Roy a' Monsieur Richard Weather, Commandant du fort Anglia de Natal

Netaın point d'usage d'accorder de Capitulation in forme aux forts que n'ont pas de Murailles, etqui n'etant environnees que de Bois, ne sont apropre-ment parter que des pastes, celui d Naettal se rndart a' Discretion.

Les Baricades du fort seront rerises ausourd lury sept fevver avant la nuit entre les maines de l'officr Commandant le Detachment qui serat envoye' pour enpundre possession.

Tous Les Officers it susits de sa Majeste Brittanique scront prisonners de Guirse. Tous iies effects sans exception que sont dans le Fort on dans des dispendances appertundront aux arrugeants, it seront remis fiedelemertt entre leurs mains Monsieur le Commandant et Missieurs les Commandant et Messiuers les Officers prevent s' attendre d'aillurs atous lies bons trevittimens qui sont d'usage entre les nationes Europienne, it parort inatile de sy engager par urit les Mauvaise situation de lieur plase ne permit pas deleleur promittre commeune condition Ruess san ateur reddition.

Sign'd ESTAING.

fait a Bord des Vaisuau de Royle Conde u Septieme ferrmer mit sept cent fora ante.

Natal 6th. Febry 1760 Accepted the above Conditions.

Signed RICHD. WYATT.
ALEXR. HALL.

ARTICLES agreed on between the Count D'Estaing Brigadier General of His Most Christian Majestys Forces & Commandant on the West Coast of Sumatra, on the one Part and Owen Griffith, Ensign of the Garrison of Fort Marlbrõ & James Elkington third mate of the ship Denham, on the other

part of the first Already Hostage for the Military Officers and the Second for the Ships.

The Bad air & unhealthiness of the Climate Joined to a long Imprisonment, that Circumstances prevented Mr. D'Estaing to Abbreviate having Caused the Death of the three fourths of the Prisoners taken by his most Christian Majestys Troops; in the Forts & Out Settlements of the English, on the West Coast of Sumatra, Humanity has induced Mr. D'Estaing, to Consent of Sumatra, Humanity has induced Mr. D'Estaing to Consent to the Following Proposals which have been made to him by the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro and for due performance of which the above mentioned Officers remain as Hostages.

We the Underwritten Owen Griffith & James Elkington promise and oblige Ourselves Personally the first for the Millitary and the Second for the Seamen that there shall be delivered to the French Commandant on the Coast of Choromondel an Equal number of French men for the English Prisoners, this day set at liberty we also promise that neither the Soldiers nor Seamen shall Carry Arms Directly nor indirectly Against his most Christian Majesty or his Allies before their Exchange shall take place & be fully & truly Effected, that advice be given to the French Commandant on the Coast of Coromandel of their Arrival and when arrived they are to remain inactive till exchanged. We Promise that neither soldiers nor seamen shall go on shore on the Coast of Sumatra and that after their Arrival at Batavia, the most speedy & saving Methods be Used to Convey them to the Coast of Cormondel; and that the expenses arising thereon to be on the Joint Account of the two nations & be made good and Agreed too at the Coast of Choromondel by the Respective Commissarys.

I the underwritten Owen Griffith having Duely Considered the Parole given by Mr. Pilmor Lieut. of the Garrison of Nattal Consent and Agree to remain Hostage for him Because Mr. D'Estaing tho Mr. Pilmor be Hostage for the Garrison of Nattall has Permitted him to Conduct the English Soldiers Relieved as also Mr. Dobbie second mate of the Norfolk and Mr. Gibson mate of the Duke of Richmond to go on their Parole to Conduct the Seamen.

I the underwritten Count D'Estaing Brigadier General of foot to His most Christian Majesty and Commandant of Fort Marlbro on the West Coast of Sumatra, consent to the above And on Conditions Before mentioned to put into the hands of the English Officers Abovenamed the soldiers and seamen who a surgeon of Each nation shall think in a Condition to Embark & I also promise to furnish them with as much provisions as I can spare for their passage to Batavia and I will Endeavour to prevail on the Captain of the Dutch Sloop now in the Road to receive forty and will Provide Praws for the rest.

I Oblige myself in the name of his Most Christian Majesty that the Expence in transporting and Maintaining them at Batavia and from Batavia to the Coast of Choromondel shall be paid half by the French and half by the English and that for the Common Good the Expences to be as small as possible the Exchange is not to take place till the Expences are Agreed to & paid by the Commissarys of the two Nations.

I promise that hte Most Speedy Conveyance shall be used to Convey the Hostages which if any of them du (*sic*) or are taken by any of his Britanick Majesties Vessels shall not in any wise Effect the Present Conventions Dated at Fort Marlbro the 27th. day of October 1760.

Signed Estaing.
James Elington.
Owen Griffith.

Witnesses
Richard Wyatt.
Michl. Tierney.

A List of the English Prisoners Relieved in Consequence of the Above Conditions and who are to be Exchanged at the Coast of Coromondel.

MILITARY.

Edward East.
Colon Langland.
William Wyatt.
James Ritchie.
Richd. Holder.
Richd. Wilson.
Richd. Maywood.
Anthony Battaillee.
John Lucas.
Thomas Everal.
Mathew Thomas
John Walker.
Jacob Gilliard.
Wm. Barker.
Wm. Inton.
Richd. Smart.
Samuel Hicks.
Geo: Edmonds.
James Cobborn.
Curtis Sturgeon.
James Pitt.
Saml. Carson.
John Ward.
Paul Cross.
John Patience.
John Woodcock.
William Fordham.
Robt. Fenn.
Abraham Tatam.
James Chennery.
Jno Aspinier.
Henry Thomson.
Thomas Rakham.
Pearce Bryce.
Edwd. Reeves.
Jno Partridge.
Wm. Ingram.
John Gossling.
Charles Styles.
James Harlow.
James Boyle.
Jacob Philleer.
Robt. Brown.
Joseph Carpenter.

SEAMEN

John Marshall.
Thos. Coke.
John Ratcliff.
Wm. Brown.
Jeremiah Ingham.
Henry Clark.
John Robson.
Nichl. Sinclair.
Wm. Richford.
Christr. Buckingham.
Mathew Thomas.
Daniel Mathews. Carptrs. Boy.
John Bellahar. Boatswains Do.
James Young.
John Archibald.
Randolph Day.
Thos. Diewsbury.
Peter Morrecau.
Olief Youngbury.
Andrew Sunbury.
William Cobb.

We the underwritten Hostages Acknowledge the above List to be true.

Signed OWEN GRIFFITH for the Military
JAMES ELKINGTON for the Seamen.

Received the above mentioned Prisoners from the hands of Mr. Martin Agent and Acting Commissary & of Mr. Vegoureaux to be Conducted by us and under our order to the Coast of Coromondel without we or they being able to Carry Arms Directly or indirectly Against his most Christian Majesty or his Allies till they and we are duely Exchanged.

Signed DAVID PILMOR RICHD. DOBBIE THOMAS GIBSON.

Whereas in Treating with Count D'Estaing about Relieving the Prisoners at Fort Marlbro: I Richard Wyatt do take upon me on Account of the Hoñble Company to answer for one half the Expence in Carrying them to the Coast of Cormondel, as is expressed in the Articles, and as the said Articles are Executed in Owen Griffith and Jame Elkingtons names, Hostages for the Abovementioned Prisoners I to indemnify the said James Elkington & Owen Griffith do promise and bind myself to be Answerable for any Demand that may be made upon the said Gentlemen on Account of the Convention this day entered into with Count Estaing on behalf of the English Prisoners at FORT MARLBRÕ As Witness my Hand the 27th. October 1760.

WITNESS. Signed) RICHD. WYATT.
ROBT. HUNTER.
JOHN MORRIS.

No. 39.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Your Commands under date the 7th. October last Via Policat with Duplicate of those dated the 30th. June proceeding by the Ship Duke were duely Received.

By a private Vessell which will depart hence in about 3 Weeks, and on which some of the West Coast Gentlemen will take passage for the Coast of Coromondel I shall write very fully the present Conveyance being precarious I have only taken the Chance of it to Acquaint your Honour &ca. Council that the Count D'Estaing has thought proper to abandon Fort Marlbrõ his Garrison being reduced by Sickness to the number of 150 Europeans at the time of his Departure. The Fort was blown up, and all the Buildings Burned he carried away with him all the Slaves and the Chinese with the pepper, and such Effects as cou'd be removed and sailed with the Conde' Expedition; two Snows and a Sloop on the 18th. Ultimo for Mauritias, the latter of these Vessells having lost Company with the Others after being some days at Sea and proving Leaky bore away for this port which she reached the 3rd. Instant She has on Board 200 Bags of Pepper, and about one hundred Women and children in a most Miserable Condition, principally the Wives & Slaves belonging to the Chinese, what the purpose to do with this Vessell and Cargo I shall be able to Acquaint you by the next Conveyance.

The Disbursements for the Maintenance of the Military & Seamen brought from Fort Marlbrõ by Mr. Richard Wyatt and the Subsistence allowed to the

Gentlemen who remain here having drained the Company's Cash I have this day Passed my Bill on you at 11 Days Sight for 2500 Star Pagodas in favour of Mr. Chairman Sultan for value received here of Mr. Johanes Manock in the sum of five thousand Rix dollars being the most favourable Exchange procurable and for which I have accordingly Credited the Hoñble Company.

I am with due Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Hble. Servant
JOHN HERBERT.

BATAVIA
THE 14TH. APRIL 1761.

No. 40.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since closing mine under date the 14th. Instant I have this moment, as the Ship for Negapatam was getting under way, received a Letter from Captain Joseph Austin dated in the Streights of Sunda replying and Assenting to a proposal made to him to proceed to the West Cost & as I find he has transmitted hither a Letter to be forwarded to his Owners/I suppose hinting his Destination/ I take this Opportunity of Assuring your Honor &ca. Council that I thought such a Step very interesting to the Honble Companys Affairs, the which ℔ the first Occasion I flatter myself to make Appear.

I am with Great Deference
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient & Most Hble Servant
JOHN HERBERT.

BATAVIA
17TH. APRIL 1761.

No. 41.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to what We wrote you under the 11th. Ultimo/Duplicate of which has been Since forwarded/We now dispatch our Hoñble Masters Ship Triton Captain Charles Barkley with 400 Bales of Cotton to Tellicherry to receive such a Quantity of Pepper and Sandal, as the Chief and Factors may be able to spare when they are Directed to Order her to Your Honor &ca. for taking on Board such Treasure as you may think proper for Compleating her stock to China.

The Earl Temple & Futtee Salam sailed from Tellicherry for your Presidency the 23d. February & We take this Opportunity of forwarding the Papers received from Europe relative to the former, Also the Packet for your Honour &ca. said to contain one for John Caillaud Esqr. enclosing a Colonels Brevet as Mentioned in our last.

The Egmont & London sailed the 6th. instant for Great Britain the Sandwick Arrived the 2d. instant & We are now loading on her what Goods. We have in Warehouse & hope to dispatch her by the 20th. of this month to Compleat her Cargoe for Europe on the Coast & the Gentlemen at Tellycherry

having sent the Lord Mansfield to bring away the Remains of Pepper at Anjengo. We have Ordered them on her return to Compleat her Charter Party Tonnage & Dispatch her finally from thence.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
13th. April 1761.

Cha: Crommelin.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Robt. Holford.
Samuel Court.

No. 42.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since We wrote you under the 11th. Ultimo your Honor &ca. Favour of the 20th. February has been duely received.

The Kings Detachment of Artillery & Part of Coll. Parslow's Detachment from Tellycherry are Arrived & We have ordered the Remainder of the Troops there to be sent hither as Conveyances Offer.

Your Honour &ca. may depend We shall take all Opportunities of sending home the French Prisoners but fear it will be some time before We shall be able to get rid of the immense number you have sent us & request you wou'd Inform us what Allowance you make the Commanders for the Officers Passage to Europe, We have put fifteen of the Men on Board this ship and paid the Commander Ten pounds for each of them.

We enclose your Honor &ca. Copy of the 20th. Paragraph of our Honble Masters Commands regarding Fort Marlbro which We shall Comply with whenever your Honor &ca. may think proper to take any Measures for the establishmt. of that Settlement.

Rear Admiral Stevens in the Norfolk with the America Grafton, Medway Tyger & Salisbury are Arrived & We are in Daily Expectation of the Rest of the Squadron all of which except the York left Tellicherry before the Admiral.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servts.

Bombay Castle
13th. April 1761.

Cha: Crommelin.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Cha: Waters.
Robert Holford.
Samuel Court.

N°. 43.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you last the 13th. Instant by the Triton But the Admiral having requested she might be detained till he Could Consider what measures he shoud take, in regard to the Earl Temple which had missed him his passage from your coast And he having Accordingly delivered to us an Extract of his Letter to you with respect to that ship, and the Fattee Salam, We doubt not your Honor &ca. will employ the former as you may Judge most for the Companys Interest but as we fear the latter will be too late to touch at Anjengo, in her way hither, Agreeable to Oour Desire We request your Honor &ca. wou'd order the Commanders in such case to make the Best of his way to this place.

We have this day dispatched our Honble Masters Ship Neptune to Tellycherry to receive on Board a Quantity of pepper and Sandal in part of her Cargoe to China, which we intended shou'd have amounted to £40000 Agreeable to the Companys Orders, but as the present very low state of our Treasury the little prospect We have of Getting a speedy supply & the great Calls we have for money, will not admit of our spareing to near that Amount, and as We learn the Gentlemen at Bengal have sent your Honor &ca. large supplies of money from thence and you yourselves are Collecting the Rents of your Province, which We hope will enable you to Advance for us sufficient to Compleat the Neptunes Stock to £40000 We have directed the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry/who will be best able to ascertain it/to transmit your Honor &ca. an Account of what will be wanting for that purpose but sho'd your Honor &ca. be unable to spare so much We must request you wou'd at all Events, send by the first Conveyance to Canton a sum sufficient to make it equal to £30000 for which you may depend on our reimbursing you as soon as ever it is in our power.

The Commander of the Sandwich having delivered to us three Cases of wroght Iron & two of Standing Vices Which being stowed among the Copper he brought hither, Cou'd not be got at in Bengal We have put them on Board this Ship and request your Honor &ca. wou'd forward them to the president & Council there, and Advise them Accordingly.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servts.

Bombay Castle
26th. April 1761.

Cha: Crommelin.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Robert Holford.
Samuel Court.

N°. 44.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Madras.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to our Superiors Orders We now dispatch our Honble Masters ship Triton to you and are to Inform you that Ship Neptune sailed hence the 15th. Instant for China Rupees One hundred fifty two thousand seven hundred

twenty three, one Quarter, and Eighty two Reas (152723–1–82) short of her Stock, But this Ship now Carries an Addition in pepper and Sandalwood to the Amount of Rupees 6123–3–14 and more wou'd have been shipt on Board her had not the Appearance of the Weather Prevented.

The Captain Lieutenant Adjutant Surgeon and Chaplain with two Ensigns of Colonel Morrises Regiment of Hylanders take Passage on this ship in Order to join their first division for whose Passage your Honor &ca. Will Please to Pay Captain Berkley in like manner As Captain Keble received for the Gentlemen he Carried on the Revenge the year Before last, One Company of the second Division is gone to Bombay in Consequence of our Superiors Orders and Major Munro with the other three Companys remain for the Present here but We believe will proceed to the Presidency after the rains. On their first Arrival here being informed it was Customary for the Companys Surgeons to take Care of their sick Our Surgeon had orders accordingly but a few days after Major Munro representing that the King's surgeons were properest to take Care of the sick of their Respective Regimts. it was altered Accordingly, and Doctor Arthur observing in your Regulations Regarding the Kings Troops Transmitted to Bombay and very lately received from thence the following Passage Viz:

"Hospital Charges the Same as to the Companys Troops that is the "Private Men two Pagodas a month for their Diet and the Company Pay "the overplus with the Physick Coollies attending the Hospital &ca." has delivered us in a Demand amounting to Rupees (4384–22–0) as ⅌ Attested Copy enclosed but its being framed in a very General Terms and our not knowing the Rules observed on your Coast in similar Cases has obliged to Refer us to your Honr. &ca. you will please therefore to Acquaint Us the amount you may pay him that We may give your Presidency due Credit. On our setting on Foot the Expedition against Myhie he was appointed Surgeon Chief for which he has Demanded four Rupees ⅌ Day for sixty two Days the time he was employed on that service, but as your regulation mention not the Pay of such An Officer We have referred that also to your Honor &ca. and shall Credit you what ever you may think proper to allow him. His Batta of Six Rupees ⅌ Day has been paid.

By Private Advices from Busserah and Bombay We are Advised that his Majesty King George the Second of Glorious memory demised on the 25th. October last and was succeeded in the Throne by his Present Majesty King George the Third whom God long Preserve—The same Advices mention that on the 3rd. of November last the King of Prussia obtained a Compleat Victory over Marshal Daun in Silessia in which the latter with many other General Officers were wounded and their Loss was from twelve to fifteen thousand—Also that the Parliament of England had voted Twelve Millions for Carrying on the War.

Several of the French Officers and Civilians made Prisoners of War at the Surrender of Myhie have Broke their Paroles and with some of the private men of that Garrison have Deserted hence and Joined as we are Informed Major Allennigh Serenagapatnam; whose party it is said now Consists of four Hundred (400) Europeans about two Hundred Topasses besides Seapoys various are the Reports of his designs and some Assert he will bend his March to these Parts, but this We do not altogether Credit.

In Consequence of our Superior Orders We are Busied in preparations to Destroy Myhie many of the stores being Withdrawn.

Our Hoñble Masters Ships Egmont and London sailed hence the 18th. Ultimo as did the Lord Mansfield the 3rd. and Sandwich the 15th. Instant, all for Great Britain.

Captain MacLeod having landed a chest of Medicines Here which ought to have been delivered either at your Presidency or that of Bengall, We forget which he mention'd you will receive the same by this ship, as ⅌ Receipt Enclosed.

In compliance with our superiors directn. We herewith Transmit an Account Supplies of all sorts with the Charge of Carpenters, Smith &ca. employed in equipping the Honble Companys own Ship Earl Temple as a Ship of Force amounting to Rupees 12241–3–52.

Mons. Ballorce late Sea Captain in the French service made Prisoner at the surrender of Myhie having requested permission to go to Negapatam to settle some Private Concerns the same has been Granted him on Condition of his immediately afterwards Resigning himself to your Honor &ca. to be sent to England agreeable to the Articles of Capitulation.

Accompanying your Honor &ca. will Receive a Packet from our Superiors.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servts.
Thos. Hodges.
Titus Scott &ca.

Tellicherry
20th. May 1761

No. 45.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favours of the 13th. & 19th. Currt. with their Duplicates but that of the 2d. is not yet Come to hand. We have duly honor'd the Severall Bills you have Drawn on us.

As the Monies We collect will but Just suffice to Bear our Military & other Expences of this Presidency, besides Providing an Investment for the Return of the Expected shipping of this Season, you must Calculate that as much as may be the Amount of your Drafts, so much our Investment will fall short which We mention that you may avoid Granting bills on us for more than Your urgent necessitys may Absolutely require.

We have taken measures for having a Cargo for one ship ready in August and as it will be highly Advantagious to the Company to receive an early Consignment We must recommend your furnishing Us with a ship for that Purpose. He will equally Answer the Intention of Embarking the Principal French Gentlemen for Europe as there ar [*sic*] yet a few remaining in Bengall, whom we Design to Provide with a Passage by the first ship.

Our Want of Madeira Wine is very Great as We suppose yours is also by the Disappointment of the last seasons supply We beg you will be pleased to forward to Us our Proportion by the Earliest Opportunity after the arrival of the Madeira Ship.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
1st. June 1761.

N°. 46.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
at Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you last the 8th. Ult^o. Duplicate of which has been since forwarded, & We have not at Present any of your favours Unanswered.

We shall be obliged to your Honor &c^a. if you wou'd inform us by the first Opportunity in what manner you Issue the Cloth and Perpets for Cloathing the Troops on your Establishment, whether you Charge any advance thereon, & how much & in short every thing Else; which you may think, will be of use to us in regard to it.

Not having yet learnt whither Baron Vasserot proposes coming round here agreeable to our Honble Masters Appointment. We should be glad your Honor &c^a. wou'd signify to us his Intentions as soon as possible that so We may fill up a Company We now keep Vacant for him & remove some other inconveniences Occasioned by our being in suspense ab^t. his Coming.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
Chas. Crommelin
&c^a. Council.

Bombay Castle
9th. June 1761.

N°. 47.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a. Council
at Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to you under date the 1st. Inst^t. Duplicate whereof We now enclose/We have received your Letter of the 2^d. Ultimo which by some Mistake was not delivered to us with your former.

The Bills thereon Advised shall be Honour'd We mentioned in our last the inconvenience to which any large Drafts must subject us and are persuaded your Honor &c^a. will give all the Attention thereto that your Urgent Occasions will permit.

Enclosed is a letter for the Honble Court of Directors which you will be pleased to forward to them by the first ship from your place.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
5th. June 1761.

N°. 48.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of this place for the last month.

I am with Great Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble Servant
John Andrews.

Masulipatam
June the 30th. 1761.

N°. 49.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the ship Elizabeth a private Trader I Addressed you under date the 12th. Instant Duplicate whereof and of the severall papers in that Packet are enclosed.

His Excellency Jacob Mossell General of the Netherlands India died the 15th. Instant and is succeeded in the Chair by the Late Director General Petrus Albertus Vander Parra, to whom M^r^. Librecht Hooreman succeeds as Director General.

Since my last Advices we have not a syllable of news at least that Transpires from the West Coast, I expected before this time to have heard something from Captain Austin but the strong Easterly Winds and Currents, or pr'haps the want of a proper Conveyance may have hitherto prevented it The French Sloop part of the Count D'Estaings Embarkation still remains here preparing to be repaired; her Cargo not being permitted by the Regency here to be Publickly sold has been disposed of under the rose to the Manilha Ships The free people (wives of the Chinese) have by Intercession and something Pecuniary, been permitted to Come ashore with their Children, and now remain with some of their Friends till an Opportunity may Offer of returning to their Families.

A Dutch ship from the Cape of Good Hope is arrived in the Streights of Sunda, a Letter by her under date the 21st. February has the following Paragraph "About 15 days ago arrived here a Danish ship homeward bound that "Brought news that Pondicherry was fallen into the Hands of the English, "and that a fleet of English Men of War were cruising off the Islands off "Mauritius—these have been for these two months past five french men of war "here taking in provisions for Mauritius—said they will sail in a few days." 'Tis reported that four of the french ships abovementioned have left the Cape previous to the departure of this ship, but as she is not yet arrived in the Road, it cannot be known with Certainty.

By this Vessell the Snow Postellion and the Snow Currier which sail in Company the number of the people brought from Fort Marlbrō by M^r^. Richard Wyatt embark according to the enclosed Lists among them are two Military named Richard Smart and W^m^. Hicks whose names were entered in the List of those who embarked on the Elizabeth; from which ship they ran away on her Leaving the road.

By these Vessels the remaining Gentlemen belonging to the West Coast also embark, except M^r^. John Gayer who had taken Passage on the Elizabeth, but was Prevented from embarking by sickness and the Vessels now on Departure being quite full of Passengers. He is Obliged to wait for another Conveyance.

The Elizabeth having for Particular Reasons been obliged to sail from hence some days sooner than was intended obliged me to be very Expeditious in dispatching the Packet to your Honor &c^a^. Council by her. I since find my hurry at that time has made me Committ an Error in the Addition of the Companys Account Current then transmitted of 1000 Rx^ds^. less 10 Stevers to my prejudice your Honor &c^a^. Council will find it rectified in the Account now sent. The Account of Disbursement on the Military and Seamen from Fort Marlbrō had also an Error in the Charge for the Maintenance of the men on board the Commodores Ship in the Road, it was owing to the Bills being Drawn in Guilders which I mistook for Rix dollars, and did not discover it but on payment of the money after the ships Departure in the Account Current now sent Credit is given for the Difference.

In my letter to the Honble President by the Snow Success I took the liberty of representing to him that I apprehended my residing here alone might be prejudicial to the Honble Companys Concerns in this place in case of Mortality or many other Accidents & therefore requested the favor of his permitting Mr. Plowman to remain here with me as my Assistant as your Honor & Councils Commands of the 7th. October Acquaint me, he could not act in that station being a prisoner and as I have not had the Honor of any Advices since that time he now embarks with the rest of the Gentlemen agreeable to his Parole.

I am with the Greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant
John Herbert.

Batavia
the 25th. May 1761.

No. 50.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor to address you under dates the 14th. & 17th. Ultimo which were forwarded by the Netherlands Companys Ship the Princess of Orange, bound to Negapatnam Duplicates of which are now under Cover, having by Conveyance only acknowledged the receipt of your Commands under date the 7th. October 1760 via Policat with Duplicate of those ℘ Duke of the 30th. June proceeding, I come now in Course to reply to the same.

I am very sorry from thence to Observe that my Packets addressed to you under dates of the 17th. & 21st. June Last by the Snows Dottee William & Fort Marlbro have both miscarried the former from the negligence or villainy of the master and the latter I fear from the unfortunate Loss of that Vessell herewith you will Please to receive a Triplicate of said Packet which if more successfull will account for what has appeared to be my neglect, and give your Honor &ca. Council a view of my Transactions to that Period. I shall now do myself the pleasure to Acquaint you with such Matters as have since occurred.

About the time of the Success's departure I received an Account from the Streights of Sunda that a Report prevailed among the Malays there of an English Snow having been wrecked in the month of June preceeding on the back of Princes Island, but as no name or particulars were mentioned and as such Reports are frequently raised without the Least Foundations I did not at that time, give Credit to it The Fort Marlbro Snow not having appeared on your Coast by the 7th. October Occasioned my reenquiry, concerning, that Report, which I am now of opinion was but too true, all the particulars I have been able to Obtain are these that an English Snow about the end of the month of June put in at the Island of Cracatoa where the Master and another going ashore were murdered by the Natives, that the Vessell put to sea the following day, and was wrecked the same night in a Gale of Wind on the Back of Princes Island where every soul Perished the Time of the Fort Marlbro' sailing from this road being the 22d. June agrees with this Account, but a stronger Circumstance, is that Capt. Howill before his Departure mentioned his intentions of Calling at Cracatoa if Opportunity offered in Order to recover his

boat and some other Losses he had sustained from the Natives of that Island. on his Voyage from Croee to this place on hearing him mention such his Intentions I absolutely forbad him, & Desired Messrs. Norris & Smith not to suffer him to carry them into Execution; his imprudent Resolution (not frustrated by these Gentlemen) I fear has been the occasion of their misfortune as the Netherlands Company have no Settlement either on Cracotoa or Princes Island, or any connection with the Natives of the Latter whose practice it is to Plunder all Vessells wrecked on their Coast no further Account of this unfortunate Affair can be expected.

M^r^. Morris thought it necessary to detain the Snow at his Settlement several days in expectation of receiving Advices from Fort Marlbro͂ which was repugnant to the Instructions given to the Master a Copy of which event enclosed to him for his Government the Plea Afterwards of her Coming to this Port was for want of Good Water for tho there was a sufficient Quantity on board it seems the Casks which she had been supplyed with at Marlbro͂ were so bad that the [*sic*] rendered it entirely useless Your Honor &c^a^. Council may perhaps be surprized that I did not take this vessell again under my Direction when she came hither and give the Master his Dispatches, M^r^. Norris who addressed you ℔ the D'otte William had taken a step which prevented My doing it and I interested myself no further than in getting her ready for the Sea; from having such a Conveyance at hand, one might Conclude that he had saved all his Effects so far from it he Lossed every Article Apparel not excepted. The Companys Books it is True were then preserved, but it was not thought requisite to leave a Copy of them here and I had no Authority to urge it.

You will no doubt be greatly surprized at the disbursements made on this Vessell (as she was new) when she came to Batavia by reference to my letter under date the 23^d^. March 1760 to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbro͂ you will please to observe in what a Miserable Condition she had been filled out and for further Illustrating what repair was done to her, and Stores supplied, I have thought necessary to send under this Cover, Copies of the sundry Vouchers and other Papers relative thereto.

It givs me infinite Concern that the Terms on which I engaged the Pocock shou'd meet with your Honor &c^a^. Councils high Disapprobation it has always been my Maxim to follow orders, and do wrong I shou'd indeed in a more Trivial occasion have presumed a Little, and Considered the Intention of the Deputy Governour & Council, but the Case appearing to me, then important I durst not Venture to follow my own Judgement, neither Cou'd I take upon me to Load her on their Hon^r^. Account. Tho the Terms it must be Confessed were very high yet I was obliged to accept of them, at the same time, I was certain that an adequate Freight wou'd be charged on her Cargo, which together with the services I thought she might be Employed on wou'd I flattered myself have compensated for what the following of Orders, and the Exigency of the Case, necessitated me to come into had it not been for the Contract she wou'd not, you may be assured have proceeded to the Coast of Coromandel, or stirred out of the Port, on Account of her then Proprietors.

I am very sensible that my Public Addresses shou'd come directed as you prescribe that of the 18th. June being put under cover to a private Merchant I observe came safe to hand, had I taken the like caution with the packet it had equally reached you, I was at that time very Dubious about the Conveyance and have the greatest Reason to be so with most from home My last Respects went under cover to a very safe hand at Negapatam and when occasions require my practising such irregular Methods I hope your Honor &c^a^. Council will not take umbrage at it.

It gave me great pleasure to hear that the Gentlemen ℔ the Success were arrived and that you did not discommend the purchase of that Vessell as their passage could not be botained any Other way and the necessity was urgent.

Your Honor &ca. Council will have seen by the Letter addressed to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbro dated the 23d. March 1760 ℔ Pocock which letter I imagine the Master of said Vessell must have delivered (that I retained a part of the Treasure sent hither ℔ the Wasp & Tryal Long Boats which happened lucky as otherwise I must have long before have been obliged to draw at a Disadvantageous Exchange which is always inevitable from this Port, I shall therefore be as sparing as possible in making use of the permission Your Honor &ca. Council has been pleased to give me of Drawing doing it for no greater sum: than I am Obliged to.

It was impossible when the above Vessell Departed to Transmit an Account of her Coast, and outset, and equally so of the severall Expences incurred by the Gentlemen.

The Henry to dispatch her for fear of Losing her passage, and the tediousness of Getting in the Bills prevented it; the same are now under Cover, by which you will see she comes dear tho, fitted out and purchased much Cheaper, than Vessells Generally are at this Port The French an hour after she was Bought Offered a Thousand Dollars Advance as severall of the West Coast. Gentlemen have now resided long in this City, they are perfect Judges from Experience and Occular Demonstration how impossible it is to purchase anything Cheap in Batavia & that there is no remedy but to Conform.

By the Copies of the severall Addresses in which I have had the honor to write to the Honble the Court of Directors you will please to Observe that I have briefly informed them of the Count D'Estaings Continuance on the West Coast—the situatn. he was in there, and his proceedings before he sailed —together with his departure from thence; The information was in some respects fallacious—owing to the Badness of his Powder he did not succeed in Blowing up the Fort but Destroyed the Builidngs within it as Effectually as cou'd be done by Fire; his Cruelty to the Natives in general will never be forgot; and may be of such salutary Effect in future, as to incite in them both Better Behaviour and some greater share of Resolution the Enemy were not gone farr in their Boats Before the English Colours were hoisted in the Fort their Attachment is certainly to their old Masters and so strong that I believe they wou'd not submit tamely to any other Government.

Your Honor &ca. Council having given me no sort of Orders for my Government in case of the Evacuation of the West Coast together with being utterly in the Dark whether or not you had sent an Armament or any Vessells thither has made me quite at a stand I cou'd not Assume the Power of Withdrawing from hence without your Liberty and I was equally sensible also that If I cou'd have done it many Obstacles wou'd have been thrown in my way which wou'd not have been easily Surmounted—Convinced therefore that the natives must Dispose of their pepper as well likewise that they wou'd not want Purchasers, it Chagrined me much to be here Dormant and in such a state of Uncertainty tho it was plain that if the Malays could not vend their Pepper they wou'd cease paying any sort of Attention to the plantations; Yet I thought it my business to impede if Possible its being carried to a Foreign Market. There is so good a Look out kept here, that I cou'd fall on no other method than making some proposals to Capt. Jos. Austin, Commander of the Snow Success Belonging to your Port who had Touched here some time Before; and who I heard was near the thousand Islands: I therefore dispatched an express to him with a Letter under date of the 11th. Ultimo, which together with his Answer come Numbers in this Packet, I beg leave to refer your Honor &ca. Council thereto and hope that the proposals made, and Instructions given him will meet your Approbation there is Certainly at this Juncture. a Europe Shipps Compleat Tonnage of Pepper to be Collected on the Coast, which if I cou'd retire from hence in a propper Vessell with Boats Calculated for the Qualloes, might be got noos enough on Board to Gain a Passage this

season to Fort St. George; but the uncertainty I am in if any Vessells have been dispatched thither, and whether the Servants of the West Coast may not have been Exchanged and sent back to reestablish together with the proceeding on such Business without Orders Jointly conspire to make desist from a project which cou'd not be carried into Execution, without risquing some property of the Hoñble Company's the Loss of which shou'd any Accident happen wou'd doubtless subject me very Justly to Censure.

Notwithstanding all the Apparent disadvantages and little prospect there may be at present of their Honor drawing any Emoluments from reestablishing their former Possessions on the West Coast; yet I flatter myself that your Honor & Council will regard them in A more Extensive View it wou'd be a pity, and Dishonorable at Least, to give up entirely to our Rivals the Eastern Nations of India—A Number of useful inhabitants and a proper Attention to the Arrack and Sugar Works (which has been carried on in too Confined a manner) together with Opening a Foreign Trade, lately practised for a small space with success and wou'd have been greatly Augmented could not fail in time to, make on some part of the West Coast Districts a port of Note and Answer the purpose of Batavia for supplying all our other Settlements with those Articles.

It is needless for me to Enlarge on Mr. Wyatts bringing at the season he did the Military and seamen from Fort Marlbro when there could not be the Least Probability of Obtaining a passage to the Coast of Coromandel; not even thro the Streights of Mallacca, the Particulars of Expences and Disbursements made in their Account, is forwarded herewith, and the Number of Military remaining Alive your Honor &ca. Council will please to Receive by this Conveyance—I beg leave to Refer to Mr. Wyatt himself for Explaining this Negociation who embarks in a very few days on Board the Postellion, on which Vessell and the Coureer Another also, on the point of Departure; the seamen that are Living Likewise go I have been obliged to defray all the charges on them, as Debited in Account Current which comes a number in the Packet.

My situation here rendering it impossible to send supplies of Arrack &ca. to your place with any tolerable view of making advantage thereby and the Consideration how Usefull it might Occasionally be to keep your Market Better and Consequently Cheaper supplyed than it has been with Batavia Commodities, as well also to procure a Conveyance for the Gentlemen, that they might not remain here on Expences Another season induced me the Latter end of the Last Year to talk to Mr. Van Mellingen, who is an enterprising man; on the subject, who resolved to make a Tryall, and succeed in Obtaining a very good ship Belonging to the Netherlands Company of about 850 Tons Burthen, at which Time I gave him Encouragement that those men shou'd take their passage thereon knowing well A Better Conveyance could not present, and that no such private ship was ever dispatched from this Port I was likewise equally certain that it was impossible for Mr. Wyatt to bring his Schemes to Maturity for the Transporting of them thither, in the manner he proposed which was to purchase a small Vessell and rate their passage at Dols. 50 ℔ head drawing the Amount from me in case I wou'd have paid it notwithstanding which he was pleased to think that Mr. Van Mellingens Demand of Dols. 15 each was unreasonable; on which Account he has left the payment thereof to your Honor &ca. Councils determination, desiring you wou'd pay that or whatever may be agreeable, to his Correspondent at Fort St. George.

The Draw Success formerly belonging to Fort Marlbro and which I have kept here employed here occasionally as may be seen by the Copys of Letters wrote to the Commander of the Store Ship, or any other belonging to the Hoñble Company was Lately examined in the Streights of Sunda, I Believe when she was falling Down in Company with the Snow Success Capt. Austin, at least a Report of sailing under my Pass and other Circumstances has been transmitted to his Excellency, fromCroee, or its Neighbourhood, the General being ill,

sent to the Sabandhoar to sound me on the subject, who Questions. me in a manner he had no authority to do I answered him that it was the Business of your Honour &ca. Council to Catechise me if necessary that I shou'd never concern myself in any Affairs of the Honble the Netherlands Company, but held myself obliged in Duty to do what shou'd appear needfull to be done for the service of my Honble Employers without ever meddling myself with any thing Else, the debarring me of which wou'd lay me under the disagreeable necessity of Quitting this place and repairing to Fort St. George, when it shou'd appear I had no other alternative left but that, or remaining here inactive and picking my Employers Pockets, the seemed to drop that it was a Dubious point what I was invested with My Residence here is no Doubt Disagreeable and as your Honour &ca. Councils orders wou'd be serviceable in other respects as well as for my Rule of Government, I take the liberty of Requesting that you wou'd be Pleased to favor me therewith.

The Military sent hither from Fort Marlbro by the Count D'Estaing in the Sloop Negapatnam under their pretence of their having Voluntarily entered into the Netherlands Company Service (a meer piece of little policy of the Counts to atone for the detention of four of theirs) were taken up and put in Irons immediately made application and Claimed them the point was on both sides Carried some length but an Address to His Excellency at last Conduced to their Enlargement, and delivery to me I thought it would Answer no good purposes to deliver a Protest on Account of the hard Usage they had sustained The Account of pay & Expences on them as well as of two Others, which Escaped from the Conde when here comes under Cover: and the whole six are on the Snow Success Capt. Austin who must deliver or Account with your Honor &ca. Council for the same.

The Honble Companys Timbers and Planks which have been lying on hand so many Monsoons have Suffered Considerably from the Weather, as well as Lessened by Robbery of those employed to guard them Notwithstanding I had no Orders, I should if Occasion had presented, have shipped them for the Coast but no Opportunities ever offer of doing it here on Freight the Amount of a Vessells loading in such Articles is so trivial, and the value of a Vessell on your side so much below what she wou'd stand in here, that I cou'd never think in purchasing one for that purpose. On the Settling again of the West Coast such materials will be Absolutely wanting and I wish the time wou'd come to furnish the Transportation of them thither, before they recieve further Damage by Lying.

It would I Believe be needless and too prolix to enlarge on the Sundry Articles which compose the Account Current many of them with the accompanying Papers will speak for themselves The one of the 1st. June of Rds. 550 for 47 pieces of Europe Bunting, I must account how the Purchase came to be made at that Time. Mr. Morris having Relinquished his Settlement without being forced thereto by an Enemy I Informed him might be perhaps of bad Consequence a Neighbour and former possessor might easily take possession and not be easily moved Again which Certainly wou'd have happened provided the French had not Visited it, he was therefore Determined to repair thither again and hoist the Colours, waiting the Issue of the Enemys coming or not but Advice arriving of the Expedition having been there Before his Departure the necessity Ceased three pieces of said Bunting were delivered for the use of the Snow Fort Marlbro some sent on Board Captain Austin, and the rest remain on hand.

The Armourer at Fort Marlbro, Jacob Peclar having been an old Servant, and one of the Best as well as most Industrious Artificers that they have had on the West Coast I advanced an allowance to separate from the Military and Adam Syrang who has been 27 years in the service and to whom more than any body else the Tresures preservation ℘ the Wasp was owing have been the Inducements also to give him Subsistance and prevent his engaging in other Service.

Since the Departure of the Success Snow this ship is the first Conveyance that has Offered for the Coast of Coromandel, two Snows likewise private Traders will sail from hence in about a Week, on these Vessells the Gentlemen and their Families from the West Coast will embark Agreeable to their Parole as the (*sic*) have received no Advices, or Directions to proceed Otherwise their situation here for such a Length of Time under their Circumstances added to sickness has been very bad Your Honor &ca. Council will Observe by my Accounts, I have been Obliged to Continue to them the allowance of ꝑ 30 Spanish Dollars ꝑ mensem for their support which in this place is indeed a very bare one they have applied to me likewise to defray the Expence of their passage to Fort St. George on the Hoñble Companys Account, it being otherwise out of their power to proceed having no means of their own and presuming their services to the Company and their late misfortune unavoidable on their parts, wou'd entitle them to such an Indulgence I have Acquainted them that I cou'd not Consistant with my Orders take upon me to put the Company to an expence of that sort, but as it was impossible for them to proceed without such assistance I have advanced them the money necessary for that purpose for which they are to be Accountable to your Honor &ca. Council if you shall be of Opinion their Unfortunate Circumstance give them no Title to such a Consideration.

Before I close this I must beg leave to trouble your Honor &ca. Council with a few Lines respecting my Situation here at present I mean with regard to the Allowance I have hitherto received from the Hoñble Company during my Residence here which under my present Circumstances is not by any means a sufficient support, the Charges of that nature in my Account are according to what was Allowed to Mr. Combes, during his stay here some years ago having no other Precedent to go by, but that was a Temporary appointment very Different in all Circumstances from the Situation of Affairs at present while Fort Marlbrō subsisted by the indulgence of the Governour some few advantages in private Trade from here to that place were in my power, but now I have not the Least Opening of any kind, all private Commerce here is under Restrictions Difficulties perhaps unknown to any other part in the Whole World and it has ever been my principle on no Consideration to attempt any Concern therein as it was always Clear to me that by laying myself under the Least Obligation to the Dutch I shou'd deprive myself of that entire independency & Freedom of speech and Action without which no Resident at Batavia can ever execute his Duty to the Hoñble Company. I have taken the Liberty to represent this to your Honor &ca. Council & to request such Relief in this point as you shall think Consistent, begging leave to Assure you that as it is my sole View to discharge the Trust reposed in me to the Best of my Abilities so I flatter myself as I have no other Resource, that the Hoñble Company will not object to Grant me such an Allowance as may enable me to support my station in a manner suitable to the Honour of my employers.

I am with due Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient & Most Humble Servt.
JOHN HERBERT.

BATAVIA
THE 12TH. MAY 1761.

No. 51.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

My last respects, under date the 17th. Instt. waited on you ꝑ the Snow Dotte Willem, duplicate of which as well as the Packet by her comes under

cover, so small a space has since Elapsed, no Novelty has Occurred; I have only, therefore to reply agreeable to the Last paragraph of my former to the Disapprobation of my Conduct with respect to Capt. McTaggart of the old Snow Fort Marlbrō signified to me in the Deputy Governour & Councils Letter of the 18th. December 1759 to which came Annexed a Report of a Committee.

Before I enter on the point in Question I must intreat Your Honor &ca. Councils patience for a moment and begin by a Necessary premise The Detention of that Vessell so Long at this port was the Only thing I expected to be Censured about and to endeavour to exculpate myself from that I was explicit in my Letter to Fort Marlbro ℘ the Earl Holdernesse, beyond my expectatn. the Reasons were admitted, by a Tacit Acknowledgement but the most cogent one was that the Chinamen which came on her had unknown to the Master conveyed on Board a Quantity of Swallow and piece Goods in Chests which embarassed me here extremely the Discovery of which wou'd have Confiscated the Vessell as well as Cargo and moreover. have tended to have sent me off the Place—Pains were taken in the road to get her clear but without Effect her Coming into the River to be repaired wou'd it was thought, be a Convenient Occasion in the interim tho' the Chinamen ran the risque of Imprisonment for life in case the [*sic*] were seen here they came Continually Dunning Mr. Garden and me till for our own sake we were obliged to kick them out of Doors, and threaten them in case they wou'd have delivered the Keys, the money wou'd immediately have been brought them Two did so, & ℘ 650 was given to me & by me to the Capt. Chinese from whom the Keys were received the Master mistook the Channell to come into the River, and word was brought me that the Vessell was beating to pieces, at which time, Capt. Powney being with me we immediately went to the Waterside and meeting Captain Wintle ready in his Boat sent him instantly off to assist and Verbally to tell the Master to throw as much overboard as wou'd Lighten her sufficiently but as there were money in the Chinamens Chests if necessary in order to preserve that, he must Break open the Chests, Praws towing off to her in time there was no necessity to throw any thing over Board at peep of Day the Vessell came into the River and when in her birth the Master had the imprudence still to break Open the Chests little did I expect that he cou'd not comprehend that when the necessity ceased and the Act was to cease also he sent me ℘ 3800 ℘ his own and Wintles Accot. the Chinamen themselves counted it in my presence and found it to be exact that Sum.

The prior sum reced and Abovementioned	℘650
,, ,, ,, ...	3800
	4450
Deficient ℘ the Chinamens Accot.	92
Whole Amount as ℘ Committee's Report	4542

Which deficiency is easily Accounted for as Capt. McTaggart stopt a Freight of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Ct. which makes it nearly Correspond.

Permit me to observe to your Honor &ca. Council that as it was utterly inconsistent in my Situation here and Desperately precarious to have the Least hand in any such Business so was it also According to the sentiments I then entertained foreign from my province to send a Narrative of the Circumstances to the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort Marlbrō little suspecting it relative to me I thought it only my Duty to represent that care might be taken that nothing shou'd be shipped off from thence in such manner in Future.

I flatter myself that the foregoing simple Recapitulation of Facts will in themselves appear so naturally true to your Honor &ca. Council as to Clear me from the severe Censure about an Affair in which one might almost say I had nothing to do & was it not for some sinister Inuindo's in the Report I

shou'd think it unnecessary to add any more on the subject the Report itself which Comes enclosed I must beg leave to recommend to your perusal to which I have taken the Liberty also to subjoin a few Remarks My Character by which also I have hopes of maintaing myself in the Hon̄ble Companys Service joined to the Esteem every man must desire to be held in by Mankind in General will I flatter myself plead the excuse of my Troubling your Honor &c^a^. Council with an Address of this nature more than any Apologies I cou'd pretend to make on such an Occasion.

I am with the greatest
Deference
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient & most humble Servant
John Herbert.

Batavia
21st. June 1760.

Minutes in Answer to the Committees Report on Capt. McTaggart's Affair.

Agreed with the Committee "that nothing was thrown over board"

Agreed also that the Dollars sent me at this Time amounted to Dolrs. 3800.

Beg leave to dissent from the Committees Application that the foregoing expression, seemed to imply that at some other Time afterwards received more money than the Dols. 3800 the Expression it is true is Vague and Loose But I cannot Conceive it Bears a Nearer Affinity to time to Come, than it was to time Past the 650 Dols. being received long Before as mentioned in my letter in anor. renders it Obvious I meant it to imply Time past.

With regard to the seizure

Agreed "I did not mention whether it was anything Belonging to the Chinamen or not It was the Chinamen's Chests, and some Boat Loads of Swallow; a Quantity of the Latter also Belonging to Captain McTaggart and of which those very Chinese in Communion with their Brethren here flung him out of Dols. 400 worth, to my Certain Knowledge.

With respect to the last Evidence Ker touching the Quantity of Dollars its tenour Alone will I Apprehend if it can come under the Denomination of Evidence at all be sufficient to Invalidate it.

This Fellow having severa ltimes at this Port robbed the Masters Cabbin & Vessel of Sundry stores, was by him dismissed and Just Before his departure being entertained again, I reprimanded McTaggart for doing it but On his telling me that it was only to Carry him to Fort Marlbro in order to have satisfaction I Consented thereto.

Upon the Whole I beg the Liberty to think the Committees report to be the Genuine still & sentiments of Mr. Charles Fredk. Noble alone who will I make no Doubt in a small Process of Time Distinguish himself on the West Coast in like manner as he has already done in most places that he has been in.

Batavia
21st. June 1760. John Herbert.

To Captain Joseph Austin
Commander of the Snow Success.

Sir

It is with Great Pleasure I this day received Advice that you was lately spoke with near the Thousand Islands and being in hopes that this will meet you in or about the Streights of Sunda, I dispatch the same ℔ Express.

Since your Departure from hence I have received no Intelligence from Fort St. George so that I am in utterly in the Dark of any Armament has been fitted out Distined for the West Coast nor have we yet any Particulars of the fall of Pondicherry tho there are many confirmations from Ceylon Bengall and Cochin that it fell on the 16th. January it is therefore I think an Event not to be Doubted What I have principally to dwell upon in this is the Coast of Sumatra—About ten days gao arrived here in great Distress a French Sloop

of about Eighty Tons which in a Gale of Wind about Lattd. 7o. south parted Company from the Condẽ Commanded by the Count D'Estaing and the Expedition Frigate by Mr. Deta Carriere bound to the Mauritious they all left Bencoolen the 17th. of March having first Demolished the Fort and all the Circumsaunt Buildings. Nothing it seems remaining but the Bridge—In this situation then and not being able to Come to an Interview with you, to talk on the subject of Hireing your Vessell On the Honble Companys Accounts I can only represent to you my sentiments which are that your proceeding to Fort Marlbrõ may be of infinite good service to my Honble Masters, supposing that no Embarkations are Arrived there from Fort St. George, and if they are its being an Act which neither you nor I can at present foresee I flatter myself that the Honble the President & Council will not disapprove of any Measures proposed and thought to tend to the Utility of the Company notwithstanding the Event shou'd not Prove Auspicious Consequently that they will not be Backward in making you adequate satisfaction for any services you may perform.

Understood then that you go up the West Coast of Sumatra and likewise that you do not find lodged there Orders from my Superiors the following Hints will be necessary for your Government which I have to request your Attention to.

The King of Bantam I have been informed has received (as I always expected he wou'd) a Considerable Quantity of Pepper from our Settlement at Croee. and its Districts as well also from the Island Poolo Pisang his Captain Java who resides at Samancoe Adjoining to our Districts, (Commodiously situated for transacting that Business) has I have been told returned no less than thirty seven Praws, Loaded Our Pangeran of Croe namely six Negarro has been over to Bantam to Acknowledge his Allegiance and is Returned loaded with presents which will I apprehend be A very prevailing Inducements for the Heads of the other Districts to follow his Example when Mr. William Norris the Resident of Croee evacuated that settlement, there remained Pepper on hand on all the Godowns of his Territories, which I am Pretty certain has been Disposed off many of the Companys Coffrees also stayed behind I wou'd therefore have you first Call at Croee and Sumon the Headman on Board you for which purpose I send you herewith Inchee Polowan one of the Croee Buguesses who knows their names and Habitations, from them you will Endeavour to get all the necessary Information you Can and Note it on your Diary they will no Doubt tell you many Falsehoods but Nequeda Samboa will Certainly Come off to you, who if you examine in his Intelligence will be most to be Depended on, as he is what the Malays Call an Oran Daggan and has been supported by the Company being a usefull Fellow, the Chiefs must Particularly at present hold him in low Esteem it will be requisite that you Acquaint everyone in General where you go that the French have now lost their Capitol and all their Possessions in India that our Fleet & Army which were Engrossed on that Business are now Dispatched on other Affairs and that part of them are coming to Reestablish the West Coast as you are fully acquainted with the Genius of the people I need not dictate to you on that subject what is necessary to be said It wou'd at this Juncture be agreed Point to cut off the Intercourse of the Bantamites with Croee If on Enquiry you find the small Vessell, I send you this by wou'd answer that Purpose I wou'd have her by all means stationed there for a Time I think she wou'd do against the small Craft that may be sent thither, and it wou'd intimidate our people when overlooked from shipping of their Pepper Consequently it wou'd remain in the Country as they are too lazey to Transport it by land To samancoe—It will be proper that you represent to Pangeran Saee Negarro and all the proateens that the English Compy. keeps a Resident at Batavia who is acquainted with every Transaction that Passes on the West Coast and ecommend to them as they value their own Interest to Gather in their Pepper which will be soon

received and paid for and particularly that they spare no pains to keep their Gardens in order, which if found to have been done on resettling will entitle them to a suitable Reward, as well as favor from the Company. If you meet with any of the Companys Slaves you had best take them with you to Marlbrõ where they may be Useful—The next Settlement We had to the Northward was Cawoor, you will not probably be able to distinguish it now as you Coast it along the Buildings Being Destroyed; nor is it of Consequence to spend much time in looking for it as its produce is very trifling but the third and of the first importance is Manna, where you will send Inche Polowan Ashore, to the Pangeran and other Headman and recommend to them very strenously the preserving their Pepper and keeping their Gardens in Order together with every thing Else that is needfull to be said to them and to request their Communication of the same to the Districts of Cavoor, your next and last port will be Fort Marlbrõ where you will send for Deong Macooly Captain of the Buggesses or in case of his Death for Radden Tomongong Prince of Maduras, his son to whom you will please to present my Compliments, order them to dispatch Buggusses, immediately to the Pangerans of Soonjey Lamow & Sillebar to summon them to a Biehar, here you will be able to sift the Transactions of the Coast from Mormoco to Croee it is more than Probable that there has been intestine Wars & much Blood shed in the Country, you will recom̃end to each of the Chiefs to exercise his Authority, and prevent as much as possible, such practices to see that their Dependents give due Attention to their Pepper Plantations to assure them that they will be amply rewarded for their Industry in that Point in particular. I hope you will here meet with ships from the Otherside and Gentlemen on Board acquainted with the Coast, and furnished with proper Orders and Instructions these will render mine useless, In Default theeof you must Adress the Sultan of Mocomoco for which purpose Doing Macooley will furnish you with a proper Tentooles, you must flatter him on the sincere & true Attachment he has shewn to the English Company Particularly at a Time when it was put to the Test that it will soon be gratelly acknowledged to him he must be Particularly exhorted to exercise his Power (which is very great to preserve Tranquility in his Dominions, and above all that he enforce the Attention of his Dependents to their pepper Plantations, as a step the most Interesting to Himself as well as them On the nearest Computation I can make, there must soon be ready to be received in the Districts of Manna. Saloomah Cawoor laye, and polly three Hundred, & fifty Tons of pepper at least p'haps a ship Compleat Loading could I entertain the Least thought that Embarkations are not Dispatched from the otherside the hindering the Exportation thereof, wou'd be an Object that I think I ought not to Loose sight of and Certainly shou'd not If I had a Lattitude given me to quit this Place; under an Uncertainty, there with respect to the first, and a Restriction, as to the Latter, I must wait some time in the most sanguine Expectation of Receiving Intelligence, before I can resolve any thing Touching that so as to bring it to an Issue. In the Interim as this port is the most tedious in the whole World for the Transacting of Business, and when my wings are particularly Clipt—I am working incog[to]. to get a Vessell ready as fast as possible and Craft proper for the Qualloes, which they are entirely destitute of on the West Coast and well indeed it is that they are so, if they had not. all wou'd ere now have gone via Samancoe, I cou'd very well Supply you with Cash from hence if you wanted it and it wou'd be of salutary Effects to receive the pepper from the Malays and pay them the policy and Interest, is obvious but the misfortune is that there are no Godowns at Marlbrõ, nor Craft to send to the subordinate Settlement for its Transportation Contrive by all means to send me Intelligence as soon as possible as it will be of the Greatest Government for if nothing is done this season from the Coast my particular study must Certainly be to get Collected all the Pepper on the Coast and I have a Vessell

in my Eye Burthensome enough to Carry it where it shall be thought most Convenient The Difficulty you will find to procure Conveyances to send me Advices will I apprehend be great and as the S°. East Monsoon is on the Eve of setting in they will be tedious in getting here you will be able to Judge of their Importance which will be a Guidance to you in Offering Proper Encouragement If I shou'd have any thing of Consequence to Communicate to you from hence,. The Winds will now Become favourable to Transmit the same with Expedition and tho' you know they Guard here every Avenue very well, and have, an Interest in Thwarting that of others I shall seek ways to surmount that difficulty.

Herewith you will receive a sett of Colours of English Bunting which you will make use of at Fort Marlbro If I can convey some pieces Conveniently thro' the Boom my servant will deliver thence to you which you will please to have made up and distribute on the Coast. To reinforce you I send three of the Honble Companys Military Vizt. Job Daniel Wm. Wharton, & Wm. Butler the three formerly ordered on Board you I hope, you reced, safe.

I forgot to Inform you above that it will be necessary to make some Trifling Presents in the Honble Companys Name, of Chints or Cloth to the Chiefs of the Malays when you Touch Particularly to the Pangerans.

Wishing you a good Voyage Health & Success in your Undertakings, I remain very truly,

Sd.

BATAVIA
THE 11TH. APRIL 1761.

Your most Hble. servant
JOHN HERBERT.

At the Biehar at Fort Marlbro, will be present Dattoo De Bandarro who rules Entirely the Pangeran of Soojey Lamou he is a very Clever Fellow and Capable from his Capacity and love of Power which Latter he was formerly stopt by us in his Career of Doing much good Vice Versa; I was Civil to him during his Confinement in the Fort & he ever since took Occasions to shew all the Gratitude that a Malayman Cou'd and has wrote me very Civiliy since I have been here, you will Please to Present him my respect [*sic*] a small Present in the Companys Name. In the Late Affair he Behaved much better than any of the others.

TO MR. JOHN HERBERT
AT BATAVIA.

SIR

I just now had the Pleasure of Receiving your Letters the desire I have of sailing immediately for Croee Prevents me from Answering them fully all that I shall say on that Head, is that what you have mentioned shall be my Rule of Conduct.

On my Arrival at Croee I shall make presents in the Companys Name to those People that Can be of any service, & Doubt not, if we find a party for the English but I shall soon disperse the King of Bantams Procs, and as I have still goods upon hand, think it will not be amiss to Exchange them for Pepper, as it will serve to Convince the natives, that the Attention they Pay to their Gardens will turn out to their Advantage.

You may assure yourself that any necessarys your Praw or your Servant may want that I can assist them in shall not be wanting.

I beg the favor you wou'd keep a Good look out to the French Sloop and send me notice time enough for me to be from Croe to Intercept her.

I shall take all Opportunity of acquainting you how Affairs are on the West Coast, and am with Great Respect and Esteem

SIR,

OFF BANTAM
13TH. APRIL 1761.

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
JOSEPH AUSTIN.

N°. 52.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since we wrote you under the 9th. Instant Duplicate of which accompanys this, We have received your favour of the 20th. Ultimo; but the Lord Mansfield & Sandwich having been both dispatch'd home previous to the Receipt of it, We cou'd not make the Enquiry your Honour &ca. Desire into the Commanders Conduct towards the Pilot in Bengall.

Having Learnt by private Advices that your Honour &ca. were dispatching home four ships with French Prisoners We have delivered Commodore Teddiman a Packet for the Honble Company and desired him to forward it in case he should meet the ships Before his Arrival at Madrass, but otherwise he will deliver it to you and in such case, We are to request you wou'd forward it in your Packet.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Chas. Crommelin &ca.
Council.

Bombay Castle
25th. June 1761.

P.S.—Shou'd the above Ships be sailed Before this reaches you, you will be pleased to forward our Packet for the Honble Company by the next Opportunity and whenever your Honour &ca. propose Dispatching any ships home We shou'd be glad of the Earliest notice of it as we have often advices of Importance to Communicate.

N°. 53.

To the President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

Lieutenant Dundas Late Belonging to his Majesty's Ship Tyger being Charged with my Dispatches to England, I am to request you will be pleased to Order him a Passage on the first ship of the Companys that may sail from the Coast of Choromandell.

I am with great Esteem & Regard
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Sr. Cornish.

Lenox Bombay Harbr.
24th. of June 1761.

N°. 54.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St.
George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This encloses the Accounts of this Place for last month in comparing the Renters Accounts with the Cash Account for 1759 found some Omissions which are now Rectified.

I must beg leave to acquaint your Honour &c^a^. that Muirseed Hussain the Renter of Nizampatam who has been long Ill and is now in a Declining way has wrote me Desiring he may Resign that Country that his bad health prevents him from attending it himself, and that the people he has employed to Assist him, have not only ill treated the Country people but have Defrauded him of a Considerable Sum that a Continuance of these measures must End in his ruin and Great Loss to the Company. In looking round me here I do not find any man so fit to Resettle the scattered people, Collect the Ballances, and dispose of the Remaining Grain and salt to such Advantage as Mer Bauher the Present Renter of Devee, whom I have Engaged to go there for the Present and have promised him to write your Honour &c^a^. in his favour, if therefore you will permit me to give him the Country for the Ensuing year which is the Remainder of Meerseed Hussains Cowle the Rents will be paid and the people Pleased he is an Honest man Assiduous and well Acquainted with the Business

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. hble. Servant
John Andrews.

Masulipatam
12th. July 1761.

P.S.—It being now time to Plough the Ground and for the Lombardee People to Come for Salt I must request your Honour &c^a^. will be pleased to give me a Speedy Answer.

N°. 55.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Accompanys the Books of this place for 1759 & 1760 Annexed to each Journal is a particular Account of what money was received Monthly from every Town together with the Advantage arising from the Exchange; but as Silver is now scarce and but few Rupees Amongst us the Exchange will be fluctuating some times there will be profit and some times Loss, I shall therefore open a head of Batta and at the end of the Month, or every two or three Months as there may be Occasion write the Profit & Loss to that head. Herewith comes likewise a Particular Account of every Country Town & farm in the Companys Revenues, as they have been let out or Collected and to whom Also an Exact Acco^t^. of what money has been received from each place and Renter to the Last of April 1761 but as Considerable sums have been received from some Places since I have also sent an Acco^t^. of such sums from the 1st. of May last to this day. If some places such as Nizampatnam, Masulipatam & Ponracco appear to have Large Ballances remaining this year, Your Honour &c^a^. will be pleased to Consider the produce of the former is mostly and the Latter wholly salt which Cannot be Sold so soon as Grain as the inland people Cannot Come to Purchase it, untill some heavy rains have fallen here that they are sure of Water for their Cattle.

A Great part of our Lascars having been kept to assist at the Bastions, which are now almost Destroyed and Useless I have this month Discharged sixty of them.

It has been Customary here During the time of the Moors for all traders from Bengall Producing Certificates from thence, to pay for Raw Silk Muggadooties & piece Goods four Annas for $2\frac{1}{4}$ Maunds Bengall, for Sugar Pepper &c^a^. two Annas if they Cou'd produce no Certificate $2\frac{1}{4}$ ℔ Cent for all Goods for Moors and 5 ℔ Cent for Jentues.

In the time of the French Certificates Being Produced the Merchant paid for Raw silk fine 6 Rupees for $2\frac{1}{4}$ Maunds and four Rupees for the same Quantity if Coarse, Muggadooties one Rupee p^r. m^d. Pepper one Rupee 2 m^ds. Sugar and other Gruff 4 annas for 2 m^ds. if no Certificate $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ Cent Moors and 5 Jentues the Customs of the French are what we have followed hitherto, indeed the Importation has not yet been great but if the Country continues in Peace it may be, therefore your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to let know, whether you would have this method continued, on Account of their having paid Customs In Bengal, and the great charge they are at in carrying their Goods to Idrabad (where only they are vendable) or whether you would have so much ℔ Cent paid Certificates or not, and whether any Distinction should be made between the Moors & Jentues.

This being the whole that occurs to me, at present necessary to be laid before you, relative to this Settlement I have now only to Request; that having had very bad health since my return hither, and my own & Family Affairs making it necessary for me to think of returning to England, that yor. Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to appoint some person to Succeed to this place, and permit me to quit it.

I am with great respect
HON^BLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

MASULIPATAM
JULY THE 22^D. 1761.

P.S.—Mr. Maule has just now delivered me the enclosed list he says he has sent two before; I must request your Hon^r. &c^a. will comply with it the full half of our people being always in the Hospital, and no Medicines in the place.

N°. 56.

TO THE HON^BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

The President is to forward your Honor &c^a. The Books of this Settlement ending last April, and the Journal Parcels for the Months of April and May, M^r. Steward is arrived with me for whose Assistance I return you many thanks, and am with the greatest esteem

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Obliged
Humble Servant
THO: HEATH.

VIZAGAPATAM
THE 2^D. JULY 1761.

N°. 57.

TO THE HON^BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favoured with your Letters of the 24th. May & 1st. Instant by the Sea Horse which also brought us a Packet from the Honble the Court of Directors, That Conveyance brought us the first Advices of the Death of his late Majesty of blessed Memory an Event has filled us with most Sincere Concern. The Day after we received your Packet, we Proclaimed his Sacred

Majesty King George Third, and send you Copy of our Proclamation which we desire you will get Printed and send us down some Copies of.

We have accepted the Bills of Exchange you have drawn upon us & will duely honor them; We hope you will not have further Occasion to draw upon us; but if you shou'd we must desire you will agree with the Proprietors of the Bills, that we may be at Liberty to pay them either in Money or Companys Bonds as it may Suit our Conveyance.

We addressed you some time since for Stamps for Arcot Rupees but have not been favor'd with them; This has put Us to great Inconvenience and the Company to a great loss; as we are obliged for some parts of the Companys business to purchase Arcot Rupees which bear Batta at present at 12 ℔ Cent. We must therefore renew our Request of having Stamps sent us speedily or must desire you will provide Us yearly with three or four Laak of that Specie of Rupees for the carrying on the Honble Company's Investment.

We have directed our Accomptant to examine your Account Current with our Books and to prepare ours in return which shall be sent you as soon as possible. It is our intention to have sent you our Account Current drawn out every six months but have not been able to do it hitherto as our Books from the Capture are not yet properly adjusted.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants,

Fort William
The 16th. June 1761.

Henry Vansittart.
W. Ellis.
Wm. B. Sumner.
Culling Smith.

No. 58.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have recd. your favour of the 16th. by which We find you have continued your Drafts upon us for Sums which greatly Distress us at this Juncture when our Expences run very high & We have much reason to apprehend will prove this occasion of our Investment for this years shipping being very inconsiderable.

In consequence of what the Court of Directors have wrote us by the Hawke, We have wrote to the Gentlemen at Bombay for all the Assistance of Treasure they can spare us, & enclose the Letter open for your Perusal, which we desire after you have read, you will forward by the earliest opportunity.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort William
29th. June 1761.

Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
Wm. B. Sumners.
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N°. 59.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governor &c^{A}. Council
of Fort S^{T}. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

This serves to Inclose Your Honor &c^{a}. The Accounts of this Place for last Month.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Hoñble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed^{t}. & most Oblig^{d}. hble
Servant
Thos. Heath

Vizagapatam
The 28TH. July 1761.

N°. 60.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governor &c^{A}. Council
of Fort S^{T}. George. .

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I am sorry to acquaint your honor &c^{a}. that our Hoñble Masters Ship Plassey Captain Ward has been drove past your Port and Anchored here last Night, the Captain says he left England the 1st. April, parted Company with the Fox, Warren and Earl of Holdernesse about the 15th. May in a strong Gale to the Westward of the Cape, has a Company of His Majestys Troops on board, but no Treasure, and is chiefly laden for the Bay, in Consequence of which and the Instructions which he received from the Honorable Court of Directors in case such an Accident should befall him (Copy of which comes Inclosed) I propose dispatching him for the Bay as soon as possible the rather so as the Season of the Year will in all probability admit of his being dispatch'd from thence (if thought necessary) to arrive with you as soon, as if he was to proceed from hence immediately on the shifting of the Monsoon; which consideration will I hope induce your Honor &c^{a}. to approve of my proceedings herein.

The Weather was so bad that Captain Ward did not think proper, to risk the Packet on Shore with him, so soon as it can be landed in safety your Honor &c^{a}. may depend upon its being forwarded.

No considerable Events have happened since the Dispatch of the Hawk, The Fleet on the Grand Expedition with upwards of Twenty Thousand Troops on board, sailed the day before the day before the Plassey, but no one knows whither, Commodore Keppell commands the sea and Lord Albermarle the Land Forces.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most Obli^{d}.
humble Servant
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
16TH. August 1761

Extract from the Instructions given Capt. Ward by the Secret Committee.

If by chance you should be driven to Leeward of Madrass we would have your endeavour to fall with the nighest of our Northern Settlements for Intelligence and there dispose of the Troops According to the directions the Chief and Council will probably be in possession of from the Presidency, obeying such Orders as according to Circumstances they shall think proper to give, or that may be lodged with them for your Government on your Arrival at such Settlement.

N°. 61.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Plasseys Packet being just landed I have the Pleasure to forward it to your Honor &c^a. the Private Letters shall follow tomorrow.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honorable Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed^t. most Obli^d. humble Servant
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
the 8th. August 1761.

N°. 62.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on You with the Accounts of this Place for last Month, the Ballance of Cash being considerable you will be pleased to let me know if you would have it sent you, or whether you will permit any part of it to be applied to the Investment.

I am with the greatest
Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Andrews.

Masulipatam
6th. August 1761.

N°. 63.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
at Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to you last under date the 29th. Ultimo a Dutch Ship bound for your Place is arrived here being drove to leeward of your Port—By her We received for you two Packets from M^r. Herbert one from M^r. Wyatt and one from the General and his Council at Batavia which We forward to you. We took the Liberty to open them in order to see if any Assistance of ours might be wanted for resettling the Affairs of the West Coast. Rice no doubt will be a necessary Article but at present it is more plenty with You than it is here. We shall therefore wait to be informed of your Resolutions with regard to those Settlements & readily Contribute whatever helps You may desire from hence towards their Reestablishment.

Several of the Gentlemen belonging to Fort Marlbrõ are arrived from Batavia on this Ship, as List of them is enclosed. Some Soldiers Artificers and

Seamen are also arrived, All the Gentlemen will proceed for your Place in September by the same Conveyance.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. Humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
W^m. B. Sumner.

Fort William
The 8th. July 1761.

P.S.—The Batavia Packets being too large to be sent by the Tappys We Shall forward them by the Dutch Ship under care of M^r. Christopher Watson.

List of Gentlemen arrived here in the Ship Elizabeth and that were on the West Coast Establishment, as follows:—

Christopher Watson—Factor.
George Scott—D^o.
Thomas Blankern—Surgeon.
David Pilmor—Lieutenant.

Fort William
8th. July 1761.

Geo. Williamson
Sub Sec^ry.

N°. 64.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
at Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Senior Johanes Manoel, who gave me Cash for the Sett of Bills of Exchange for Star Pagodas 2500, Two Thousand five hundred Star Pagodas, which I took the Liberty of passing on Your Honor &c^a. Council under date the 14th. April Elapsed; (at which time, also, I advised, in my General Letter) being by the present Occasion remitting the same to his Correspondent M^r. Chamier Sultan, has sent me to beg, I would furnish him with a line of Advice apart, I therefore use the freedom of confirming said Bills agreable to his desire, and subscribing myself.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^t. & most Hble
Servant
John Herbert.

Batavia
the 15th. June 1761.

N°. 65.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
at Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Postilion Snow, which parted hence the 25th. Ultimo my last Respects waited on your Honor &c^a. Council Duplicate whereof comes now under Cover, as well as of the Packet then transmitted all the Numbers having been forwarded by different Conveyances, will, I hope, meet with better fortune in getting to hand, than those which I had the Honor to address you, ℘ the

Dottee William, & Fort Marlbro Snows neither of which arriving tho' entirely out of my Power to prevent has, I am extreemly sorry, been a sufficient cause, to subject me to your Censure, I must beg the Liberty to observe, that in both these Dispatches I was particularly regular, and as they were the earliest opportunities that presented after the Loss of the West Coast Settlements, I did not omitt forwarding my Accounts, stating the same from the very beginning, notwithstanding most of them had been furnished to the eGntlemen at Marlbro, and might have been done so from thence to your Honor &ca. Council in their General Business, also for more clearly liquidating the same, and laying, before your Honor &ca. Council a General view of all Transactions; every Letter and Paper I thought necessary, and tending thereto, went accompanying them. These Packets happen to be Copied in my Books by Mr. Wm. Smith then here from Croee, who write very remarkable hand, well known to the Gentlemen of the West Coast, Mr. Plowman has occasionally look'd at them in my Letter Books, as well as several others, which Circumstances, I think proper to mention in case of Doubts, to remove them, and as I had by double Conveyances furnished all my Accounts at a Season when a very considerable sum of the Honble Companys Cash was in my hands, there could not well be any sinister Reflections cast, for omitting to do it, when nothing more had been received in Credit, and large sums (not unknown to Your Honor &ca. Council) carried to their Debit I could not when the Private Trader sailed hence the beginning of November last Via Mallacca, immagine, that neither of the foregoing Packets would get safe, and as I had a very bad opinion of that Vessels gaining a Passage, being dispatch'd so late and had a very strong one, that the Ship Elizabeth would sail for Fort St. George on the 10th. of January I thought the Conveyance ℔ the latter on many Accounts preferable I hope, therefore, that it will no longer appear to Your Honor &ca. Council that I have been negligent in my Employers Affairs, and at the same Time flatter myself that the Despatches, which you must before now have received, will conduce to disengage me from suffering so highly in your Honor &ca. & Councils Esteem.

I shall now take the Liberty of Communicating what has occured since the date of last Address.

On the first instant, arrived here from Passear, an Island to the Eastward, a small Praw, the Noquedah of which reports, that about 4 months ago an English Ship was lost on the Rocks, very near to the Island, Xolo;—that three other Ships, and a small vessell were in Company; this made me immagine that our China Ships had taken that Passage, homeward Bound, especially as I had been informed, that a small Sloop which had long been in the China Seas, had also sailed together with them; But, on the Noquedahs being reexamined, and interrogated by the Sabandhaar, it appeared very clearly that there was more reason to suspect them to be outward bound; as they disposed of a considerable Quantity of Europe Cloth, Cutlery &ca. which had been saved out of the Ship, Wreckt;— That the Prince of the Island instantly on sight of the Misfortune summoned everyone of his subjects to give their Assistance. in saving as much as possible;—that the English were entertained with the greatest Hospitality, and that the remains of the Ship was given in present to the King; the Noquedah informed me that the Ships still remained there, when he sailed;—that his Business at Xolo was to purchase Birds Nest as it was usual for the Passaer Praws to go thither annually for that Purpose, and that on his Arrival the King informed him, that there was none to be had this Year, His subjects having been all employed on much better Business, for the English. This Report has given People here very strong Suspicions. that a Settlement must be intended to be made in those Quarters.

The 10th. Current imported here the Success Panchallong in nine days from Croee the Noquedah has made his Report and as I have not yet received any Letters from Fort Marlbro those are the only Advices from that Quarter, to which I beg leave to refer Your honor &ca. Council, and are as following.

That he joined the Success Snow Capt. Joseph Austin on or about the 14th. April near Poolo Panjang in the Streights of Sunda, who took out of said Praw the three Europeans, Vizt. Job Daniel, Wm. Whatton & Wm. Buller Proceeded in Company with the Snow to Croee, at which place Capt. Austin on his Arrival found the Fort, and all the other Buildings, in almost the same situation that they had been evacuated—was well received and great Joy expressed on seeing English Colours again—Took possession of Fifty of the Honble Companys Coffrees—Praw ordered to look into the Bays of Bencoonet, Siggin, Billimbing &ca.—Six Panchallong belongs to the other side, and lying in Bencoonet Bay, thought proper to withdraw immediately Capt. Austin remained at Croee fifteen Days, held several Biehars with the Pangaran and other Head People, who promised to oblige their Dependents to keep their Pepper Plantations in as good order as possible, received all the Pepper that was then on Hand at 12 Spanish Dollars ℘ Bahar on the Honble Companys Account; made the necessary Presents where due; Cloathed the Compys. slaves, and gave them Arrears of Batta Money:—Embarked on Board his Snow Twenty five fine Coffree Men, and left in Garrison at Croee as follows Vizt.

William Cobb, whom he found there
Job Daniel
Wm. Brown
Wm. Butler

Coffrees, Men & Women 25 Buggesses 12—Under the Command of Noquedah Sambao & then sailed for the Northward, having first ordered the Panchallong to remain Guard Vessell at Croee, and its Subordinates occasionally;—did so 34 days; heard frequently overland from Fort Marlbro, That Capt. Austin was there, and at last from the Pangeram of Manna, that two Men of War were Arrived, on which the Noquedah thought proper to return to Batavia & make his report, being uncertain when he should receive any Letters or Orders, from Capt. Austin.

The above Panchalong is the Vessell about which his late Excellency made such Cabal, as hinted in my former Letters to Your honor &ca. Council, on which Account I immediately gave notice, before she was well in the Road, that they might cause her to be inspected if they liked to do so; they did not Chuse it, and I must do his present Excellency the Justice to say, that he behaved very polite on that, as well as on every other occasion, I have yet had to Trouble him.

By the Anna Catharina belonging to this Port, and arrived here three days ago from Yours I had not the Honor to be favored with any of your Commands; Tho I have not found by private Letters, that Embarkations have been sent to resettle the West Coast, yet to conform to the Noquedahs report, and to facilitate Matters I have been obliged to say, that there have; and have named the Golconda Capt. Balneaves to be one of the ships fitted out for that purpose, & now at Fort Marlbro, together with a large Ketch under her direction, named the Bonettah, who have landed their Men and are making protempore Houses; I have affirmed to the Golconda & that I expect her here soon, the other I have only guessed at; As your Honor &ca. Council must by this time have received Advice of Marlbro being evacuated I flatter myself that no Time under such Circumstances need be lost; there are not less now on the Coast than 150 good Coffrees and Arabs; and as there is the greatest want of Rice, and all Necessaries throughout the whole Districts, I have taken the resolution to dispatch the Success Panchallong, as soon as she is ready for Sea; (which will be in four days Time) with what may be judg'd necessary for the subsistance of those at Croee; from whence she will proceed likewise to Fort Marlbro. and deliver what remains, I am also to acquaint your Honor &ca.

Council that I have on weighing things thoroughly come to a determination this day, to purchase a Vessel of about 100 Tons and dispatch her to Fort Marlbrõ with Timbers, Planks, Rice, Arrack, Sugar and some Cash on the Hoñble Comp^ys. Account, being Articles much wanted there, and cannot go by any other Channell; I have some Europeans which I have kept here many Months at my Expence in expectation of wanting them on such an Emergency; on many Accounts such a step has appeared to me Consistent, it will be a Check on private Traders who now swarm on the West Coast, and I hope will be salutary to the preserving the pepper for the Company, flattering myself therefrom, that Your Honor &c^a. Council will not disapprove such a proceeding.

M^r. John Gayer having understood that M^r. Lally made a Declaration signifying that the West Coast Gentlemen might go where they pleased and conceiving from thence that the necessity he was under of going to Fort S^t. George was at an End, has Intentions of taking his Passage to the West Coast on the Vessell I am about purchasing, and on which, I also intend sending back several People which have been subsisted here. and belong to that Establishment.

By Three Ships just imported here from Amboyna, there is certain Intelligence received; that the English have Built a Fort on the Island Salvary, near Tarnate, and that there are three large ships lying at the said Island, names not obtainable; by a private Vessell now under dispatch, I shall soon have an Opportunity of writing you afresh, when I hope to acquaint You with more particulars; In the Interim and always I remain with greatest Respect.

Batavia
the 16th. June 1761.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. & most hble
servant
John Herbert.

Under cover comes y^e. Honble Comp^y. Accounts Current Ballance due them. and carried to their Credit in new Acc^t. Rex. ^dr. 314. 6.

N°. 66.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
at Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Nothing particular having occurred since my last respects, under date the 16th. Instant (which waited on you ℔ favor of Mynhur Dormieux, the Chief of Paliacat) I having only to confirm the same, and Transmit Duplicate thereof to serve in case of need.

His present Excellency behaves remarkably Courteous, and obliging, the English are to appearance taken much into Favour, and the General Talk which prevailed in this City to their prejudice is entirely subsided; Applications are received, and Requests granted with an infinite better Grace than in former times; I have never been accustomed to receive such polite Letters: (nor, indeed any Letter at all) after having deliver'd in Requests to the Regency, as the one a few days ago from the Baron Konigsfeld the Sabandhaar, Copy of which I have used the Freedom on account of its Novelty, to send under this Cover, I hope the same will continue as I shall not then have such disagreable Disputes, and Cabals, which I frequently used to have with the late General, The reason of which on his part, being derived rather from a splenetick Disposition, than any other Cause, and generally terminating in my Favour, I have never thought it of Consequence to Trouble You Honor &c^a. Council with a Detail of such Incidents.

What I had the Pleasure to hint at in my Last of Transactions in the East is sufficiently confirmed, and thō without doubt, infinitely chagrining, yet not a syllable is mentioned; at least the Anger and Discontent, that it does, and will in course create, is at present not in any Degree suffered to shew itself.

The Sucess Panchallong will sail for Fort Marlbrō in two Days, and I am Bargaining for a Snow of about 140 Tons Burthen which I believe, I shall be able to obtain so as to fit her out for the Sea for Rex^{drs}. 6500.

By a private Trader, which will depart for Fort S^{t}. George in fifteen days Time, I shall have the Honor of writing you again, and at the same Time take the Liberty as it will be perhaps the last opportunity of doing it this Season: to draw on your Honor &c^{a}. Council, the Honble Company's Cash, being, as you will observe by the last Account Current) Duplicate of which comes under cover pretty near on a Ballance.

Nothing further offering,

I remain with the greatest Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most hble
servant
JOHN HERBERT.

BATAVIA
THE 23^{D}. JUNE 1761.

For John Herbert Esqr.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you Sir, that both your Demands are accorded Viz^{t}. 1st. of sending the Praw Success with Rice & other Provisions to Fort Marlbrō & 2^{ly}. to Buy a Snow or Sloop, for the transporting of the remaining Gentlemen &c^{a}. to the said Fort.

Can I in other Occasions have the Honor of being any service to you I shall always be with a sincere Pleasure, and very much Esteem

SIR,
Your most Obedient hb̃le Servant
G. A. KONIGSFELD.

19TH. JUNE 1761.

N°. 67.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

The present is to advise your Honor &c^{a}. that the Honourable Company's Ship Plassey Captain Ward sail'd for Bengall the 11th. Instant.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most Oblid^{d}. hble
Servant
THO^{S}. HEATH.

VIZAGAPATAM
THE 12TH. AUGUST 1761.

N°. 68.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
at Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favour of the 11th. June and are obliged to your Honour &c^a. for the Statements of the Allowances to the Troops on your Coast; but as many Demands have been made on us, which are not specified therein, Our Military Paymaster has drawn up the enclosed set of Queries which we request your Honor &c^a. would reply to, that the disagreable Altercations & Disputes we are subjected to, on this Account, may be put a stop to—and should you at any time send Troops to this Place, we are to desire You would stipulate previous to their Embarkation the Allowances to be made them, that all such may be avoided in future.

We likewise enclose Copy of a Letter from the Commandant of his Majestys Detachment of Artillery, wherein you will observe he alledges you referred him to us for Field Batta during the detachments Passage to your Coast, and seems to doubt your having paid the Commanders on that Account, we request therefore your Honour &c^a. would advise us what passed between you & him on this subject that we may reply to him accordingly.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. Servants
Cha: Crommelin
&c^a. Council.

Bombay Castle
9th. August 1761.

N°. 69.

To George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

Having according to Resolution in a Letter to me in the Month of July 1760 applyed to this Presidency for Field Batta, being paid to the Detachment of his Majesties Artillery under my Command from the 5th. to the 26th. Day of May 1760 the time they were on their Passage from Bombay to their Landing at Cuddalore, as ℔ Copy of the said Paragraph enclosed, and their Answer Annexed therefore I request the favour of you Gentlemen to avoid further Trouble of References, to accommodate the affair with the Govr. & Council of Bombay, so that the Officers &c^a. of the Detach^mt. may receive their due Batta for the above time, as well as this Presidency have satisfied them for the time of their returning Passage hither, without incumbrance of the like load of Stoppages, as has been charged unjustly by the Captain of Britania & Pally and Purser of the Salisbury as S^r. William Baird Capt. of the Salisbury declares that he was entirely ignorant of his Pursers unjust demand and I am certain no man can eat of the specie of Pursers Provisions to the Value of three Rup^s. ℔ day.

And for the Obligation every Officer was under for the Civility he might receive from the Cap^tn. he Tables with. We certainly might expect to be treated with that necessary Power, of returning the Compliment himself to the Gentlemen to whom he has received such Civility from; I mean by this S^r. William Baird, for by the Officers exclamations, who were on the Britania, those declares, that their Provision was Principally their own procuring.

I am also solicited to Address your presidency for the allowance of Tent money, pursuant to an Application of Capt. Hislops upon that Occasion last January, I therefore hope you still consider the Artillery equally as Diserving

that favour as the 79th. Regiment & direct the Payment thereof to Captain Jos. Winter Commanding his Majesties Artillery at Your Presidency.

I beg leave to intercede in behalf of the Commissary Mr. Chandler, who I perceive in the List of Gratuity lately deliver'd me here, that came from your Presidency, to be their Guidance here, that his Gratuity is no more than the Youngest Conducter and I assure you that in Flanders, and all other services I have seen, that Commissarys have all the Advantages of a Capt. made up to them, in Sloop Gils Forage Money &ca. &ca. that instead of Pags. 7–21 ℔ mth. 30 days I apprehend to do him Justice, he should receive the Addition of a Captains Gratuity making 16–36–60 & for a Month of 31 days 17–5–20 besides for his diligence and Ardent Zeal of service to the Company, both in the seige of Pondicherry and repairing of a Magazine of stores for the attack of Mai, he is deserving my recommending him to your favor, upon this Occasion and I earnestly wish that you will with me consider he merits it and Reward him.

Accordingly, with all Respect,
I am
Gentlemen
Your most obliged & Obt. hble Servt.
Richd. Maitland.

Bombay
11th. August 1761.

The Copies of the Letters mentioned in the foregoing to have passed between Major Maitland and the President and Council of Bombay are as follows.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Military Paymaster having enforced me/by your Order/ that the Officers of his Majestys Artillery must apply to the Presidency of Madrass for their Field Batta, from the time they left this Place, till their Arrival on that Coast, this is to assure you that I did apply to the Governor & Council for the same as also for Gratuity money from the first of May; to which I received for answer, that the Field Batta During our Passage would be paid us at Bombay, but the Gratuity they would pay us themselves I am therefore much surprized that that Batta should be refused us here And with regard to the Commanders of the Salisbury, Pally and Britannia having been paid at the Rate of three Rupees ℔ Day for each Officer for their Passage, its what I never heard of till your Military Paymaster told me of it & what none of the Commanders except Sr. William Baird of the Salisbury had any Title to as he only was put to any Extra Expence on our Accounts & for which he declares that he never received any Recompence from the Governor & Council of Madrass tho perhaps his Purser may have made a Demand of 3 Rupees ℔ Day & be paid it However I conceive neither he, nor the Commanders of the Patty & Britannia would have any just Pretensions to demand so large a sum on our Account, & I request that you will not me (*sic*) & Officers the Trouble to accommodate this Affair with the Governor & Council at Madrass as they have already refused it & refer'd it to this Presidency, but order me and my Officers to be paid here their Batta deducting the Agent Victuallers Demand of six Fanams a Day & settle the Account as you may think proper with the Gentlemen of Madrass.

My Officers having also desired to be paid their Gratuity Money from their leaving the Cormmandel Coast, please to direct the same may be discharged. And as I suppose by the same rule my Gratuity as Commandant which I have hitherto received will give place to the new Regulations, I request for myself the same Allowances as were made on the other Coast to Captain Hislop, Viz^{t}. £200 a Year, as Commanding Officer of Artillery & also Gratuity as a Captain.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
With due Respect,
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
RICHARD MAITLAND.

BOMBAY
4TH. AUGUST 1761.

A true Copy

And^{w}. Ramsay
Secry.

TO RICHARD MAITLAND ESQ^{R}.
COMMANDANT OF HIS MAJESTIES DETACHMENT OF ARTILLERY.

SIR,

Your Letter of this date having been laid before the president & Council, I am directed by them to acquaint you that a Copy thereof will be sent to the President & Council of Fort S^{t}. George for their Reply, & that the Gratuity will be paid to your Officers, from the time of their last receiving it on the other Coast, till there Arrival here, but as the President & Council are not certain from the Account received from Madrass whether the Commandant received a Captains Gratuity besides 200 L ℔ Annum, they will defer settleing your Allowance till they hear from thence.

BOMBAY CASTLE
4TH. August 1761.

SIR,
Your most humble Servant,
AND^{W}. RAMSAY
Secretary.

N°. 70.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Capt. Alves of the Victoria Snow from the Negrais inform'd Us there was a quantity of Teak Timbers lying there, of which we are greatly in want for the use of our new Fortifications, and as We have no opportunity of transporting them hither by any conveyances of our own, We must apply to you for Assistance. For this purpose if you can so dispose of the Cargoes of the Company's Ships coming down this Season to the Bay that one may be cleared to contain a number of Timbers it would be doing us an useful service to order her to call in at the Negrais and take in as many as she can hold, & as there are two Ships the Chesterfield & Norfolk, intended to remain in India, We would recommend your employing one of them for that business, as any inconvenience that might arise to the Company from the delay of sending a Vessel thither will be thereby avoided.

The Honble Company omitted sending us any Millstones last year for the use of our Powder Works but We expect them by the ships of this season but as by a Disappointment the Mills We are erecting may be at a stand We desire you will spare us two or three pairs with their bed stones if those you have taken at Pondicherry should increase your stock more than your present

occasions require, and when the Europe Ships arrive you will be able to supply yourselves out of those consign'd to our Presidency.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants

Fort William
23 July 1761.

Henry Vansittart.
Eyre Coote.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
W. B. Sumner.
Culling Smith.

N°. 71.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Hawke imported here the 23rd. Instant, she brought us your favor of the 9th. The Bills therein mentioned shall be duly honor'd.

We purpose dispatching her directly for Europe the 15th. September with a full Lading but have barely sufficient Tonnage of Redwood for her—We must therefore again request a large Consignment of that Article by every opportunity.

In consequence of your request to the Select Committee/which has been made known to us/We have order'd the Gentlemen at Patna to send down immediately four thousand Maunds of Pease; which, with as great a number of Water Casks as We may be able to procure, We shall forward to you with all possible Expedition.

We are sorry to inform you it will not be in our power to comply with your request for Salt Provisions as We have not only ready at present nor shall We be able to provide it you in time as, by what we can learn, provisions of no kind will take the Salt at this time of the year.

Should you be able to prevail on any of the Commanders of the ships bound to the Bay to supply you with some of their Salt Provisions We will replace it here in the Month of November, for which purpose We shall give orders to salt a Quantity of Beef & Pork as soon as the Season will permit.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort William
24th. July 1761.

Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
W. Ellis.
Wm. B. Sumner.
Culling Smith.

N°. 72.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since writing to you under date the 24th. Duplicate whereof, as well as that of th 23d. is enclosed We have called upon our Cooper who informs Us he shall be able to get 750 Water Casks of different sizes ready by the end of August, & a further supply of the same Number by the middle of September which We hope will be sufficient for your occasions.

The Gentlemen at Bombay in their letter of the 28th. May inform us that the Captain of the Sandwick having landed some boxes which ought to have been deliver'd to us here, they had re-shipped them on the Triton for your place, We must therefore Request you will either forward them to us or if, you have occasion for them, give us credit in your books.

In their letter of the 7th. of the same Month they have drawn upon Us for Bombay Rs. 6000 and have ordered their servants at Surat to draw upon us for a further sum of two Laak—these drafts with those made by you & the Expences of this Presidency will We fear prevent our advancing any further sums for this years Investment which is such case will fall very short of the Tonnage requisite for the ships of this season—We request your Honor &ca. will inform us in your next whether you can give any assistance towards their dispatch to Europe.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
27TH. JULY 1761.

HENRY VANSITTART.
EYRE COOTE.
P. AMYATT.
W. ELLIS.
WM. B. SUMNER.
CULLING SMITH.

N°. 73.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE.
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

I have received your favour of the 27th. Ultimo and agreable to your Orders therein, I now send you under care of a Jemmidar & thirty seapoys Twenty Two Thousand (22000) Madras Pagodas Herewith comes also the Accounts of this Place for last month.

I am with the greatest Respect,
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

MASULIPATAM
2D. SEPTEMBER 1761.

Madras Pagodas 22,000 @ 4 Rups.
Each is Rups. 88,000 at 350 ₩ % Currt.
Pagodas is Pags. 25,142—30—70.

N°. 74.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Frederick Vincent has the Honor to Wait on you with this Express to Advise you of my Arrival at Bencoolen the 21st. Ultimo and of the other two Ships Worcester & Prince George, somewhat more than 24 Hours before me, We found here the Pocock Captain Edwards and Success Captain Austin, Country Ships from whom we soon learnt Variety of Facts this Place has suffered in little more than a Twelve Month, I make no doubt, but the French E'er they quitted it (which it seems was the 17th. March last) did what Damage they could to the Fort, and Buildings but the Devastation by the Natives seems to me to have been far greater, for there is not a spot where any Buildings stood but is either a heap of Rubbish, or so perfectly Erased that the very Grass hides the Foundations, When Captain Austin and Captain Edwards came here the Natives were at War with each other, Each seemed desirous to be believed it was in support of the English Interest, but the true Reason was who should have the greatest and small Guns, Powder, Shott, Slaves, Horses, Stores and Building Materials that are dispersed among Themselves, but each deny any share, nor dare I as yet Insist on it, as it would increase my Difficulties some few Slaves are come in, and I have promised to Encourage those who shall give me Information of any thing I can obtain; Conversing with Captain Edwards (Captain Austin being then sick & since Dead) he informed me the time he had been here was near four Months, and that his Motives for staying there long was Intirely for the Interest of the Company and Honor of his Country, He has undoubtedly been very assiduous and effected a great deal by Reconciling the Country People, and the Assistance he has rendered me greatly Merits your Notice, you will in Consequence of this express perceive the Osterly is detained here, as I have therefore Inclosed you a Diary of My Proceedings, permit me to refer you to that, as to what Respect the other Ships and my Conduct here, It is with great Impatience I shall wait Return, that some Person who has a more extensive Knowledge of this People Country and Company Affairs may free me from so Anxious a situation, besides till then how far this step may be approved or Disapproved is a matter of no small Importance to me to know; By the Distribution of affairs you will quickly decern I have usurped no Interested part, but purely such as shall defend my Honour, and tho it is a Task I am not altogether Equal to, yet in Point of Integrity I have nothing to apprehend from the nicest Scrutiny.

The Gentlemen Factors that Assist me in this Undertaking have very deservedly the Opinion of their Honourable Employers to be very capable Men; Each in his separate Department shews the utmost Diligence and Chearfullness, but it would be doing the highest Injustice to Messrs. Smyth Blackwell and King whom I have had the greatest Experience of, not to Distinguish them as Equal as to any Business, or Trust.

By the Officers of the Militarys Reply inserted in the Diary you will observe how Consistant they acted with their Character in the Present Exigency which must recommend them more than any Encomiums I might make them, and as what I have done in admitting Persons to Rank to which they were not appointed by the Company being understood by them to be Temporary will not I hope be Interpreted arrogating to myself more than was consistant with what I had undertaken Till some Regulars are Incorporated with us and a good Adjutant or drill Serjeants and Corporals arrive that are able to Instruct them in their Manual Exercise we shall be but a kind of Mob Army, having neither one or the other amongst the Men Equal to that duty, nor any Drummers. However under our present Regulations I doubt not doing well till we can be further relieved by You.

For the present the Military Lay in some little sheds that have a small Covering about the Hospital and in the stableing, as I have not been able tho dayly applying to get Bamboos and Atops to have made Tents with, as my Design was to have Encamped them, but it is now too late.

What few Tradesmen we have which is only two Carpenters sent out by the Company and Assistance I have been able to draw from the Military are employed, Covering a Place to shelter us before the Rains set in, as many of the Factors and Writers lay at present little better than in the open Air, but we are so indifferently furnished with Bricklayers, smiths and other useful Tradesmen that it will require great aid from you to put this Place again in any Tolerable state, The Warehouses will be my next object, and I doubt not be long to make the Fort capable of receiving all the Military within the Ruins, and what I think only necessary to us, defensible against the Country People who have yet the Thirst of Plunder for this Reason having no Carriages of the Companys, I have ordered my Quarter Deck Guns ashore We have no Pick Axes nor many other usefull Tools for clearing the Rubbish, and Ground Plank is also much wanted, as what could not be carried off was burnt, It seems also as if Provisions would be necessary for from what Reason I know not & as these People are not to be depended on for supplys The French they tell me destroyed all the Boats along the Coast, so that from Tappanouly to Croee there is scarce a Tombungon to be seen, Our Arrival has been very seasonable as it prevented the shipping great Quantities of Pepper, but I have discovered that the Prices they had Contracted for, so far exceeded the Companys that I shall meet great Trouble.

Should the Deligence Prince Henry arrive as I hope they soon will My Intention is to order, one to the Northward and the other to the Southward with a Tombungon to attend them to take in what Pepper they can Collect. In the meantime the Expresses I have dispatch'd to all the Subordinates will I doubt not fix those who were Weavering, and secure such from Trouble as their Vicinity to the Dutch made them suspicious of.

A China Boat is lately come in from Java the People of whom are already raising Habitations and assure me of a quick succession of others, when they know of our Return.

The old Panrang of Manna and his Family have been drove from thence, and the Person that Usurps it, has forced him to seek Refuge here to protect him from the Hand of Violence, What gave Rise to these Troubles I have not yet Learnt, but it is to that I apprehend the present Possessor declines coming to a Bichar, however it shall not be longer I am further Informed in this Matter.

I am told that the Dutch have taken possession of Natal and by Letters from the Sultan of Moco Moco he is greatly alarmed at their Influence with the Northern Malays, these things shall be my particular Enquiry, and the earliest Opportunity I will send to Padang to know the Cause of such Proceedings.

I am in possession of a Letter from Mr. Herbert to Captain Austin from Batavia relating to the Affairs of this Coast, and the 31st. Ultimo I received one from the same Gentlemen, directed to the Chief here, by a Ponckolong belonging to the Compy. inclosing an Invoice of three Leaguers of Arrack, Two Coin of Rice, Ten thin Plank and six pieces of Bunting, this Vessell being very fit for Service on the Coast I have detained and being very desirous of obtaining Mr. Herberts Assistance have dispatched Captain Edwards in the Pocock Express to Batavia for that Purpose, which service, as well others to which he has Claim he submits to You.

The Worcester & Prince George sailed for China the 12th. Instant and Captain Edwards for Batavia the same day.

As the Bridge and Crane is entirely distroyed, no Boats but what belongs to the Ships and not more than Ten working Slaves I believe you will think we have effected a great deal in so little a time I am sensible of many Errors, or rather Incorrectness in my Transactions, but none I hope that will be found

of any Consequence, you will Judge of them I am persuaded by my Intentions, and whatever they may deviate from your Rules ascribe it to its proper Causes.

With Respect to the Treasure you will not wonder at my Diffidence if you consider my first Plan, that I have deviated from that, The General Letter Circumstances respecting your Coast and Views that have since opened here will I believe sufficiently approve the Detention.

Mr. Vincent has with him a Plan of the Fort & its Ruins as he made the draft he will be capable I hope of answering such Interrogatorys as may be put to him, he is young and Unexperienced in the Practice of Fortification, but as he has a tolerable Knowledge of the Theory and for Raising more extensive Works his Survey of the Ground may contribute to govern any Instructions for Improving this or Erecting another.

I am going to Finish with what I ought to have begun, saluting you on the Laurels you have added by the Reduction of Pondicherry, to those glorious Ones during your Administration, Publick Honours, for these you cannot want, yet let this small offeing of Respect and Admiration I bear you not be unexpectable, They are such Copies that I would have every English Man imitate and as Troubles from European Enemys on that Coast seems now very distant, may Internal ones be still further and that Trade from this Area may Flourish and Continue long Uninterupted is the hearty wishes of.

Thus for was wrote by Captain Vincent at the time the Ships sailed and when he intended to dispatch the Long Boat upon this Expedition but Captain Forrest of the Ketch Bonita arriving & the Season advancing very fast it was thought most adviseable to forward him with this express for which Capt. Vincent agreed to give him bills to the Amot. of 4000 Spr. Dollars on your Honble. Selves, as is to be seen by the several Letters in the Diary, this being the last affair that Gents. Health permitted him to attend to, since when by advice of his surgeon he was carried on board his own ship the Osterly, very much lamented by every one on shore.

Our situation grows every day more, Melancholy the Military dying very fast several of the Factors very ill, occasioned by the bad accomodations they are obliged to put up with—Captain Vincent begs you will write the Court of Directors a General Letter of his Proceedings here, & we hope under our ℘sent Difficulties you will be so good as to excuse the Diarys not being brought with same Regularity it was begun.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Osterly 21st. Augt. 1761.

Having waited on Captain Vincent with the above to sign, with the bills payable to Capt. Forrest I found him so bad as to be incapable of doing any thing I therefore at his immediate Request & not to retard the Dispatch of the Vessel, have taken the Liberty to sign them myself, wch. I hope will meet your approbation.

With the Diary you will receive a Packet No. 6 in Red, which came pr. the Worcester from the Secret Committee & which I immagine is Duplicate of the Packet which came from the Committee ℘ The Osterly; I have taken care to give every necessary precaution to Mr. Vincent in respect to this Packet, in case he should meet an Enemy.

As I have been sick for many Days Gentn. & not yet perfectly recovered I hope it will plead my excuse for any incorrectness; I must beg leave to assure

you that I will continue to exert myself for the Interest of my Hon[ble]. Employers thro' whatever Difficulties may occur & with the Hopes of a speedy succour from you I beg leave to subscribe myself

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Devoted hum. Serv[t].
ELIDAD BLACKWELL.

The Invoices of Goods bro[t]. ℔ Prince George Worcester & Osterly you have Copys of in the packet for your Government—as also Cap[tns]. Lawrence & Frazers muster Rolls of their Companys.

N°. 75.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
A FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

My last respects under date the 23[d]. June waited on you under Cover of M[r]. Dormieux, who embarked a few days before to take the Government of Polea Catta; the report here of your Resident at Negapatam having been recalled, and gone to Bengal, made me take the Liberty of enclosing my Letter to said Gentlemen, being my particular acquaintance; & Accompanying this Your Honor &c[a]. Council will be pleased to receive a Duplicate thereof.

In my former I communicated the Intelligence we had then received here of the Misfortune that had befallen one of their Honor's Ships, near the Island Kota, at which Time I understand it to be near Mindanoa, one of the Philippines; the Sabandhaar did so likewise, and had before him a general Chart when I went to Visit him, just as he had been interrogating the Noquedah of the Praw, who brought the information, I had not then the least doubt of the homeward Bound China Ships having taken that Rout, as, by what Judgment could be formed, by a general Chart, it appeared a very Practicable Tract, and much shorter than the one taken by the Pitt; These Conjecture have been since cleared up, and, I am sorry to acquaint Your Honor &c[a]. Council, that it is the Ship Griffin, Cap[t]. Deathick, which met with this Disaster, her, and her Cargo being entirely Lost near Solok; for the particulars of which I beg leave to refer you to the Copy of a Letter from the Subandhaar herewith, Transmitted in Answer to me I had the Honor to write him on the subject, which you will also please to receive under this Cover: Antecedent to my enquiry I had private Intelligence from Macassar, that a small English Vessell had appeared in sight of that Road, which had put the Factory on shore in the utmost Consternation, in so much that all the Country People were summoned to Business & to Arms—Large Trees which were contiguous to the Landing place & the Beach were fell'd and Orders dispatched to the Vessell on no Account to come to an Anchor in the Road; she it seems complyed therewith, and Deigned not to accept of the Refreshments which the Governor sent off; Advice had been received there a few days before, that two English Men of War were seen near Ternate this struck the Pannie, concluding that this small vessell was the Foreloper to reconnoitre I waited to see if any thing would transpire from the Sabandhaar, but, not succeeding to bring him to the point by introductory

Conversations, the Arrival of one of their ships from Macassar/on board of whom I found there were some English Lascars/gave me an opportunity of plainly mentioning the foregoing, and applying for the said men being restored to me, this, I likewise omitted for some days on purpose to see if they would of themselves give me any information thereof the people are now delivered, and Report, that they were all put in Irons, and Centinels placed over them when the English Vessell appeard off Macassar which I conclude to have been the Cuddalore, and she has lately been seen near the Streights of Banca.

Their Honours Ship the Prince Henry, bound to Canton, was spoke with the 18th. Ultimo in the Streights of Sunda,—the Report made of her to the Regency here is, that she mounts 2 Fur of Guns.

It is astonishing that I have not yet received and Advices from the West Coast, which must, I imagine, be owing to want of Conveyances, otherwise Capt. Austin would never have remained there, so long silent, by way of Padang I have understood that several English Vessells have touched there in their way to Fort Marlbrõ for which latter place I have dispatched the Success Panchalong the 28th. June as ℔ the accompanying Papers.

On examining the Bottom of the Snow, which in my last I advised Your Honor &ca. Council I was about purchasing she did not Turn out to my satisfaction; and meeting with a Ketch of about Ninety five Tons/the Goodness of which I could take upon myself to Answer for having seen her built in this Power, at the Time I supervised the Building of the Snow Pocock/ I agreed for her. She is now almost Equipp'd for the Sea, and her Cost & Outsett, will I compute/including Wages & Victualling/be about Rex drs. 4800 She will depart in 15 days at furthest for Fort Marlbrõ.

Wanting Cash for the purchase of the above Vessell &ca. and none offering for the Coast of Coromandel all the Remitters having made their returns for this Season, I have been obliged to draw on the Honble Court payable in Amsterdam for 13200 Guilders for which I received here Rixdrs. 5000 the most favorable Exchange procurable, I thought it more eligible at present to do it by private hands, than to apply to the Government here, as they must have been sensible of the service I wanted to employ it in, and, therefore might in their Letters to the Netherlands Company have made a merit of it, and given themselves the Airs to say that they had furnished Funds towards the Reestablishing the West Coast.

I shall, in order to keep, in case of Necessity, something in Cash, be soon obliged to draw about the like sum, and as there are some of their servants here, who intend retiring to Europe, in the ships which part hence in the Month of October, I hope to find Occasions of negotiating the same at a better Exchange than the above.

Nothing further occurring I remain with the greatest Respect,

BATAVIA
THE 6TH. AUGUST 1761.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most hble Servant
JOHN HERBERT.

TO BARON VAN KONINGSFELD, Sabandhaar &ca.

SIR

Having understood some Time ago, that a small English Vessell had the Misfortune to be Cast away to the Eastward of this Port, and very lately, that part of the Crew were brought hither from Beama, in one of the Honble the Netherlands Company's Ships, I take the Liberty of desiring you to be so good as to speak to His Excellency on the subject, of whom I beg the Favor to know if such Report are true or without Foundation I shall be much obliged to His Excellency for any Information he shall be pleased to give me respecting the said Vessells Name, & Destination, in order that I may transmit

the necessary Advice thereof to my superiors at Fort St. George, and if any part of the Crew are brought hither I have to request the Favor of their being delivered to me, on Paying the charges of their Passage, and any other Expences that may have been incurred for their Subsistance, They would be of real service to me at present, as I am embarrassed to find people to Equip the Vessell which His Excellency has been pleased to permit me to purchase on my Honble Masters Account I have the Honour to be with much Consideration.

Sir,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
John Herbert.

Batavia
the 23d. July 1761.

To Mr. John Herbert.

Sir

I have the Honor to inform you that I have spoke to His Excellency, according to your Demand, about the People that came here in the Companys ship Waaksaamheyl from Macasser, His Excellency ordered immediately to Let me have an Extract of the Letter sent from Macasser on this subject which contains in substance that Ten people in the Honble English East India Companys service were brought thither from Bema Vizt.

Simon Joseph & Peter Vermin from Batavia.
Lurang from Bengal; Loven Pentio from Malacca.
Ignatio Rosrs, from Cochin, Emanuel from Fort St. David Bernardo, Mancke, John Pesang, & Francisco Ro Saro, from Madrass.

These People have been brought to China on Board the Valentine, Capt. Fernell, & as the said Ship sailed from Canton in Company with the Griffen, Oxford, Pocock & the Sloop, the Cuddalor for Europe and coming near the Streights of Banca, the Cuddalore was sent to spy if there were any Enemys ships in the said Streights, the Sloop came back with Advice that there was several French Men of War, and, therefore the Resolution was taken to turn about, and to take the way of Solor, but, as the Griffin had the Misfortune to strike on the Rocks, and was Lost, tho the Crew were saved, & distributed on the other ships; Capt. Fermel coming near Beama, and finding his ship overprovided with Men, asked the foresaid People if they chused to go to Europe, or to return to their Native Country; they chused the latter, and therefore were sent to Sapoe, with a Letter to the Resident from whence they were sent to Beama and from thence to Maccaser. This, Sir is, you may Depend upon, the whole Case, and there is no manner of News that either any other Vessell, or ship, was lost, His Excellency is very willing to deliver to you the said people, except those that are Native on our Settlements, be pleased to mention Them in your Request for Monday, and they will be delivered; I dont Doubt but this little Narrative will give you as much Contentment as I always have, when I have the Honor to Convince you that I am with very much Esteem & regard

Sir,
Your most Obedient hble. Servant,
George Augustus Koningsfeld.

Batavia
24th. July 1761.

N°. 76.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favours of the 9th. & 12th. Ultimo, and this is purposely to desire your Honour &ca. would return the Futtee Salam hither as soon as possible & direct the Commander to touch at Anjengo & follow the Orders of the Chief &ca. Factors there.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
28th. August 1761.

Chas. Crommelin.
A. Byfeld.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Robt. Holford.
Samuel Court.

N°. 77.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The present serves to Inclose your Honor &ca. The Accounts of this Place for the Month of July.

I am with the greatest Esteem.

Vizagapatam
The 4th. September 1761.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most Obliged
Hum. Servt.
Thos. Heath.

N°. 78.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I arrived here Yesterday and have received the Charge of the Settlement from Mr. Alexander agreable to your orders.

The Arms and Flints are safely landed, for which the Presidency will have due Credit.

The Settlement is in the greatest distress for Stationary, there is not Twenty Quills left. I therefore beg your Honor &ca. will be pleased to order an immediate supply.

I purpose to accompany Mr. Call as far as Ingeram to take a survey of the Country on our Return We shall proceed to examine the Situation of Devy Island.

I am with great Respect
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

MASULIPATAM
19TH. SEPTEMBER 1761.

No. 80.*

* No. 79 entered by mistake after No. 89.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been duly favored with your Letters of the 14th. & 26th. Ult. advising of a futher draft by bills, & accompanying a Packett from the Honble Court of Directors ℘ Ship Pitt.

The occasions of our Settlement obliging us to detain the Detachment sent from your Presidency to our assistance, We have incorporated the Men into the Troops of our Establishment, as thereby We shall avoid the Confusion in their Accounts that would attend keeping them as a separate Corps. As to the Officers tho We are sorry to part with, yet we have thought it the most proper & equitable to return them to the Coast to prevent any injuries in point of Rank; as by their staying several old Officers of this Establishment would have been superceded by some of your Gentlemen, who have not served so long We are sensible that this will occasion some small loss to your Captains in their proportion of the Off Reckonings by their losing so many Men but this being only a private detriment must give place to the Consideration of Rank. We have been further determined to this step by our Honble Masters Commands of the 1st. April 1760, whose Orders on this Head, in consequence of Capt. Gouin's Affair, are very possitive that no Officers occasionally detach'd from one Settlement to another shall be fix'd without their express Permission.

Capt. Blake & Lieut Bellingham take their Passage on the Patty, & the other Gentlemen will follow as Conveyances offer. Their behavior in Bengal entirely merits our approbation & We beg leave to recommend them to your notice, & particularly that they may not in any manner suffer by their return to the Coast without their Companies.

As the Confusion in the Accounts of Off Reckonings of your Detachment has rendered it impossible to seperate them from those of the other Troops; It has therefore been agreed upon by all the Captains, that the whole Acct. of off Reckonings should be proportionately divided among them for the year 1760 & 1761 entire What Cloathing has been sent down for the Use of your Detachment the Captains of your Establishment must be accountable for.

We enclose you a tolerable exact Draft of the Coast of Chittagong, taken by Mr. Plaisted, our Surveyor there, with his Remarks thereon. It will be of sevice to such of your shipping as should chance to come that Way.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servants
HENRY VANSITTART.
P. AMYATT.
W. ELLIS.
CULLING SMITH.
WARREN HASTINGS.

FORT WILLIAM 18th AUGUST 1761.

The 19th. We have just received Advice of the Arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Plassey from England.

Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Scott, Dickson, and Plaisted to the Chief and Council at Chittagong.

GENTLEMEN

After having taken a survey of the River of Chittagong as high as We imagine any vessel will ever be bought, and carefully laid down the Sands as they are at present, some of which beg leave to observe We are informed have been thrown up within this few Years and probably may in a few years more throw up others consequently change the present Channels this remark We thought proper and necessary, to put future Persons somewhat on their Guard, not to rely too much on a Draft tho taken exact yet may not continue above a Season therefore We apprehend before any person venture in he ought to take a Pilot of the Place both for his own security and that of his Owners from the Bundeir up to Town the Channel lays wholly on the Larboard side and so uarrow that We believe it will be a great Risque to bring Ships of Burthen farther up than about half a mile above the Ketta on the Larboard shore where three or more Ships may lay in safety. On the other hand tho they may lay at the Bunder during the No. E Monsoon with safety, yet in the S.W. Monsoon there is not the least Shelter for them being wholly exposed to any tempestuous Weather from that Quarter unless the sand in coming in on the Larboard side at the Entrance of the River breaks off the Sea. From the Rivers Mouth to Rangamattee Island the Soundings are regular & the Coast Clear for Anchorage if you come no nearer than a Mile and an half but it lays low & few Trees therefore in the Night the lead must be kept continually going, From the North part of Rangamattee which lays in the Lattitude 21–54 Southward to 21–18 the soundings are very irregular more particularly about Sandy Island in the Latt of 21–28 which We have called the Red Crab Island in the Draft—Here are great over falls such as we have found we have marked in the Draft. From the Lat. 21 25 So. ward above 10 or 12 Miles the Land is very remarkable being high Sandy Cliffs with but a small beach between them and the Sea. Here We found very regular & strong Currents and no appearance of Danger after proceeding as far as our Draft expresses we returned & took the Long Boat, not chusing to risque the Sloop, in order to examine the Channel aback of Rangamattee Island, which appeared to us to have debth enough for any Ship, only at the entrance and coming out we found a Bar, tho possibly if it was further examined a good passage may be found at either end which if discovered We think this place the securest in the S.W. Monsoons—Rangamattee itself is only a mere Jungeel.

As we have been out only 10 Days it cannot be supposed that We could bring every thing to perfection tho our utmost diligence has not been wanting but nevertheless We perswade ourselves that those who may fall within the limits of our Draft may so far confide in it as to commit no capital mistake provided he keeps his Lead going in the Night.

We are with great Respect,
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Hum. Servants

CHITTAGONG
23D. JANUARY 1761.

BARTHO. PLAISTED, PETER DICKSON,
ALEX. SCOTT.

COPY of Mr. Plaisteds Proceeding in April 1761.

In my Cruize to the So. ward I endeavour'd all I could to find some safe Harbor for any Ships falling in with the Coast in the height of the S. Wt. Monsoon I at first thought Cruz Cooley if it had good Anchorage might be as good or rather better than any other place an Acct. that the Cliffs to the So. ward are too conspicuous not to be known at first Sight from this inducement

I spent 7 days in hopes of succeeding in finding out a Channel as within there is depth enough but at last my labour only convinced me that no Ship must think of getting in there, because as far to Sea as Crab Island the whole is encircled with Breakers between none of which I find any Entrance.

The Passage within Kullubea has Water enough but is too wide for a harbor, yet Ships may run in there in Distress and find safety from the Weather, only if the Wind blows hard none of the Country Boats can go to them with Goods. Wherefore I examined several of the Rivers at the back of the Island and have happily succeeded in finding a place of safety at least. It is called Kat colley and has two entrances for Boats but that mark'd B is shut up from the shipping while that mark'd A has in the middle of the entrance 10 Fathoms on one side and 7 on the other; without a single spot of Sand that I could discover tho I work'd hank for hank through with both Long Boats this I impute from the Ebb felling strong thro' from B to A while the Bar at the Mouth B stops any flow of Sand in with the tide, another reason is that the Creek is nearly of the same Breath quite through that is to say about 7 or 8 Leagues and is the end. I am in hopes a Navigation may be carried on thro' the back Creeks without the Boats venturing to Sea for which reason I have prick'd that part of the Coast as a thing yet unexamined.

A true Copy

GEO: WILLIAMSON
Sub Secretary.

N°. 81.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The enclosed is Duplicate of our last of the 28th. Ultimo, and this purposely to give Cover to an Extract of Europe News received the 2d. Inst. by a Country ship from a Bussorah, and to advise that Admiral Cornish in the Norfolk with the Grafton, Weymouth, York and Revenge left this Place the same day.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
CHA: CROMMELIN.
J. BYFIELD.
WM. HORNBY.
J. SPENCER.
CHAS. WATERS.
R. HOLFORD.

BOMBAY CASTLE
5TH. SEPTEMBER 1761.

Bussorah 27th. July 1761.

EXTRACT OF NEWS FROM EUROPE.

A Congress was agreed on to be held at Augburb & that the Planipotentiaries were to meet there for the first time the 15th. July.

The King of Prussia had on foot as formidable an Army on which he has had during the War and he had agreed on a Cession of arms with the Muscovits, which commenced in Febry. last till the 12th. May.

The French have had some Advantage over the Allied Army near Hesse Cassel but not so considerable as they pretend.

A grand Sea Expedition with 10,000 Men on board was sailed for England but it was not publickly known where destined to.

The publick Funds in London were rose 14 ℘ Cents, His Majestys Coronation was coming on, & he was to be married the 4th. June, to a Princess of Saxe Gotha, The Lady Augusta one of our Princesses was to be disposed of to the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick.

The Earl of Bute is appointed one of the Secry's of State in the room of the Earl of Holdernesse who is reduced to Lord of the Bedchamber.

Mr. Legge has resigned his Posts, & Lord Barrington fills his Place, & Mr. Townsend is Secry. of War.

The Ajax Captain Lindsay was taken off Cape Clear in Ireland after a brave Defence, by a French Man of War & Carried into Brest.

His Majesty's Ship the Minerva of 36 Guns commanded by Capt. Hood, met on the Coast of France with the Warwick a 60 Gun Ship taken from us at the beginning of the War in America & after a very obstinate Fight of several Hours took her & carried her to England. She had on board 300 Seamen & Soldiers & was bound to Pondicherry with Dispatches for Monsr. Lally Capt. Hood had 190 Men, & lost in the Engagement 50 Men killed and wounded His Majestys Ship Vengence of 30 Guns has also taken a French Frigate of 36 Guns & the Temple of 74 Capt. Obrien with the Griffin of 36 Guns Capt. Taylor in a Bay on the Island of Martinico took 4 Privateers of 12 Guns & 160 Men each, & silenced & distroyed 3 Forts under which the said Privateers had taken Refuge.

Bussorah, 30th. July 1761.

Since the above, is come in the following News from Aleppo Vizt.

Letters from England to the 2d. May, advise that thro' the Interpositions or means of the Russian Ambassador at the Court of London, one Monsr. Bussy was arrived in London from the Court of France, & that Mr. Hans Stanley was going from our Court to Paris.

The Fleet that hath been for some time past talked of being designed on a secret Expedition with 10,000 Land Troops on board went in April last to the Island of Bell Isle on the Coast of France & were repulsed on the first attempt, but they made a second and more fortunate Attack & carried it. We lost an 80 Gun Ship by running on the Rocks.

The Advices of the Congress is confirmed, & our Plenipotentiaries are said to be, the Lord Egremont, Lord Stormont & General Yorke.

The British Ambassador at the Ottoman Porte Mr. Porter is recalled & Mr. Henry Granvile late Governor of Barbadoes & Brother in Law to Mr. Secry Pitt is appointed to go in his room to Constantinople.

A true Copy.

ANAW RAMSAY

MADRASPATNAM *Secry.*

No. 82.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR GEORGE PIGOT
GOVERNOR AND THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL
THERE.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR & MOST ESTEEMED FRIENDS

With all true Deference of Honour is this serving to accompany a letter which the Right Honourable the Governor and the Lords of the Council at

Batavia have wrote to you and which is carried to Bimilipatnam by a private Vessel from whence it is come into our Hands.

In the Meantime we remain with all Respect & Esteem

Right Honourable Sir & Most Esteemed Friends

Your most Humble and Obedient Servants

L. S. Van Eck.
D. C. Vick.
Ant. Bonk.
Js. Cankoristder.
B. Gevel.
Ps. Looman.
Severyn.
Corn. Peetersn.
P. J.S. De Felit As.

A True Copy

Negapatam
in the Castle the
28th. September
No. 1761.

No. 83.

Madraspatnam

To the Right Honorable George Pigot
President & Governor of the
Honorable English East India Company
on the Coast Chormandel and
to the Gentlemens of the Council
at Fort St. George.

Right Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have very willingly granted to M. Herbert on your petition by your letter of the 7th. October 1760 the permission to stay here, and we shall gladly be serviceable to him when occasion requires.

Batavia in the
Castle Ye. 29th. April 1761.

We are
Right Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your humble servants

Mossel.
P. A. Vander Parra.
T. V. D. Wayen.
M. L. Hoeman.
... ...
H. V. Bazel.
T. V. Reemsdyh.
R. De Klerck.

N°. 84.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President and Governor &c^{A}. Council
of Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of this Settlement for the Month of September.

I am with the utmost Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
Rich: Fairfield.

Masulipatam
9TH. October 1761.

N°. 85.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governor &c^{A}. Council
at Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to you under date 7th. Ultimo Duplicate whereof has been also forwarded to you We have rec'd your Letter of 25th. August & 6th. September the Bill of Exchange mentioned in the latter we have duly honor'd The Fattee Selam is not yet arrived nor we heard any News concerning her which makes us somewhat uneasy for her safety.

Being greatly in want of Stores for our Powder Works We must request you to send us as soon as possible the following

4 Runners 4 feet Diameter by 1 Foot.
2 Bed stones 6 D^{o}. D^{o}. D^{o}.

The Models of them we send you herewith.

Capt. James Hart of his Majesty's 96th. Reg^{t}. who arrived here on the Plassy having applied for a supply of Money on Acc^{t}. of his Company We have advanced him the sum of Arcot Rupees Eight Hundred for which he has given us Three Bills of the same Tenor and Date on Col. Monson payable at Ten days to your Honor &c^{a}. Council. One of which Bills we now Enclose.

Capt. Kent having deliver'd to us a Receipt for three Masts put on board the Patty which he brought from England account his Majestys Squadron and was not able to get at it, at your Place to land We now enclose it & desire you will deliver it to the Storekeeper belonging to the Squadron or his Order.

We hope your Honor &c^{a}. have forwarded to us other supplies of Red Wood, besides what was on Board the Fattee Selam, so that in case of an Accident to that Ship we may not be disappointed of the necessary Tonnage for the Ships bound to Europe at Present we have not a single Maund remaining in the Warehouse having with Difficulty made up Thirty Tons for the Hawke.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient servants
Henry Van Sittart.
Warren Hastings.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
Oct^{R}. 3^{D}. 1761.

N°. 86.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq[r].
President and Governor &c[a]. Council
at Fort Saint George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By a letter from Ballasore which has been received since writing to you under date the 3[d]. Instant and of which we enclose a Copy, we have been informed of the Melancholy situation of the Fattee Salam and much fear she must have foundered. We therefore despatch the Syren Snow to advise you of the foregoing and to desire you will send us by all Conveyances that offer a supply of redwood, as We have not any left in our Warehouse to put on board any Ship We may have to dispatch to Europe. We request you will return the Snow to us with all possible Expedition with as large a quantity of Redwood as she can safely take on board.

We hope to give the Hawke her Dispatch's for Europe by the end of this Month, and we purpose to send the Plassey for a Corge of Timber & Plank to Chittegong from whence she will return in time for her Dispatch to England.

In Conformity to your desire We now send you on this Vessel John Aspiner and Colling Long and the two Artificers belonging to Fort Marlborough.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed[t]. Servants

Henry Vansittart.
Culling Smith.
Warren Hastings.

Fort William
5th. October 1761.

N°. 87.

Hon'd Sir

Altho I have not the honor of being known to you I hope the following account will plead an excuse for the liberty I have taken in writing to you.

This morning a man belonging to the Fata Salam brought the following account The Fatta Salam Cap[t]. Summonds sail'd from Madrass August 26th. with Major Gordon and 300 Military for Bengal, the 27th. the ship sprung a leak & the 28th. there being 12 feet water in the hold & she gaining upon them the Major with 35 Men and 2 Ladies left the ship in the Long Boat at the end of 6 days they reach'd the River Davey Gongo where they have been detained by Raga Mac The Man who gave the above Account escaped from there 17 days ago he is so jaded that he cannot proceed for Bengal till he is refresh'd; in his way here he pass'd through Cuttack & informed the Nabob who has dispatched people to endeavour to procure their Liberty by the mans Account Davey Gonga is 15 or 16 Leagues to the Southward of Jagernett. As M[r]. Bristow is not here thought it a duty incumbent to give you immediate advice.

I am
Hon[d]. Sir
Your most obed[t]. Hble. Servant
Charles Peter Saulnier.

Balasore
Sep[t]. 26th. 1761.

A true Copy

Geo: Williamson
Sec[y].

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esq[r].

Nº. 87.

To the Honble Geore Pigot Esqr.
President Governor of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

Just now arrived here five Lascars, four belonging to a ship Commanded by one Captain Freeman bound to Mergue which sunk near Ganjam in a violent Gale of Wind, but all the People saved, this Vessell the fellows say belongs to Mr. Lewin Smith. The other Lascar was on board the Manilha Ship, Captain Scott when she run on shore at Bengal, on his way hither near Cattack, he mett three Lascars who told him they escaped from the Fattee Salam in the Long Boat with Eighteen others, thirteen of which were Europeans Eleven Men & two Women that a Major the Captain of the Ship & his Mates were among them, that the Boat was six days getting to Land with so little Provision they were almost starved the next day this Lascar met the Major and six Europeans carrying Prisoners to Cattack, but he could not learn what became of the Captain and others that were in the Long boat The three Lascars he met the day before were going to Bingal to acquaint the Governor with this Misfortune however I have dispatch'd away a Letter to Mr. Vansittart to acquaint him of the Rajah of Cattacks having made Major Gordon Prisoner.

I am with perfect Respect,
Honble Sir
Your most obedt. hble. Servant
Richd. Fairfield.

Masulipatam
22d. October 1761.

This Lascar says it was about the 10th. Sept. he saw the Major it seems the Fattee Salem sprung a Leak & sunk in spite of all their Pumps.

Nº. 88.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Present serves to enclose your Honor &ca. The Accounts of this Place for the Month of August.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most
Obligd. Humble Servants
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
The 3d. Octr. 1761.

Nº. 89.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We address'd your Honour &ca. last the 10th. July, & this is Despatch'd purposely to forward a Packet for Captain Afflick on his Majesty's service to Trichinopoly to be transmitted your Honour &ca.

Having had advices of so late a date as the middle of last month, that the two Packets we enclosed your Honour &ca. for the President and Council of Bombay under the 9th. of June and 10th. July last had not been received

at that Place, & as your Honour &c^a^. has not advised us of the receipt of them, we are apprehensive least you should not have received the above, we notify this to you in hopes that your Honour &c^a^. will be pleased to acquaint us if they have come safe to hand.

On the 13th Ultimo pass'd this Port Rear Admiral Cornish in the Norfolk with the Grafton Weymouth, York, and Revenge to joint Commodore Kippel, the Lenox, Medway and Panther were to follow soon after.

We are with respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
JS. WHITEHILL.
ARTHUR KING.
WILLIAM STRATTON.

ANJENGO
6TH. OCTOBER 1761.

N°. 79.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your Favor of the 21st. last Month ℔ Syren Snow enclosing the Companys Letter by His Majestys Ship Sea Horse, as likewise the printed Copies of your Proclamation of King George and duly honor the Bills therein mentioned.

We have likewise reced by Captain Crichton the four pair of Stamps for Arcot Rupees for which we return you thanks.

We are in hopes, from a rough Calculate of our Investment that we shall be able to despatch five ships this Season The Number on hand if all arrive safe Vizt. The Hawke, Godolphin, Plassey, Fox, Warren, and Earl of Holdernesse, We shall therefore be glad you will be able to give to enable Us to dispatch the remaining One.

We have taken the opportunity of Capt. Alves returning to Pegue to send letters to the King, and some of his Chief People, to request permission to bring away such of the Companys Timbes, as are remaining there and have ordered Messrs. Robertson and Helass to were left to take Care of them, to convey them to some commodious place for transporting them on board such Conveyances as We, or you may send for them.

Ensign Stables having been by the Companys Letters dated the 3d. March 1758 appointed a Cadet on this Establishment, and being desirous of remaining here, We have in consequence of his Request granted him a Commission agreable to his Rank on this Establishment you will therefore be pleased to strike him off your List of Officers.

We purpose sending the Company of Kings Troops arrived on the Plassey with the Pease and Water Casks on the Fatte Salam if she is to return immediately otherwise we shall order the Plassey to proceed with them.

Enclosed we now send you the Packets we received from Batavia for you.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient hble Servts.
HENRY VANSITTART.
P. AMYATT.
W. ELLIS.
CULLING SMITH.
WARREN HASTINGS.

FORT WILLIAM
7TH. SEPT. 1761.

N°. 90.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

In proceeding with the Osterly to Manna (to settle the troubles that have been there since the French visited it, & that still prevails by the Demise of some Pangans and the Deposing of others, as also to leave a Resident and take the Pepper that I have heard is collected) I last night about four Leagues to the S E of Buffalo Point saw a very large ship that had been entirely dismasted, and had only a Jury Fore Mast & Main Mast up, where within about two miles, she hoisted Dutch Colours, and the Wind being scant obliged me to come too that Distance from her, as I had not heard from either Prows or ships that have come from Batavia & other parts of Java of any Enemy, thõ it had been my constant enquiry, I sent my Pinnace to offer all the Assistance in my power their Distress seemed to require but to my surprize the Boat did not return, This created a suspicion in me particularly, as she seemed very lofty, however I laid till sunrise prepared if they should attempt us with their Boats, but tho' the Wind in the Night was favourable and I had light all night for the Boat, they did not think proper to risque it At sunrise they hoisted French Colours and fired several shot, which being at such a Distance as well with such Direction as my lights, not to come down when they might, I am convinced they might have been very easy Capture (tho' I believe a Sixty Gun ship) even to a ship of the Osterlys Burthen, but after the Loss of my Pinnace with the Third Mate a Coxswain & nine Men I had not hands to weigh the Anchor, therefore of Course, such an Attack would have been rediculous in me.

As I think little Danger is to be apprehended fom this Ship only should she come before it, notwithstanding the Garrison is reduced near a third by Mortality & not more I am perswaded Military and others than about one Hundred to defend it, yet as her Mettal is too heavy for the ship and our security from the land not sufficient for such a Temptation as the Treasure might be, I have dispatch'd her to advise you, not doubting but you will take the Most speedy opportunity to releive us, We have been very unfortunate in the loss we have sustained my Surgeons having been both ill together, It is but very lately I have been able to attend an Business and am still too weak to do any thing material.

I have said I think there is no danger of losing this Place should this Ship attempt it, this must be understood if she is so weak, as I apprehend, but be it as it will I stay for that purpose & I hope shall not lose any Reputation in the Defence of it.

There is twenty nine Chests of Treasure still in the Ship but what is her Lading otherwise I know not.

The Expectation of a visit from this Ship very shortly, obliged me to hasten to a conclusion, by wishing you health, & assuring you that I am with the greatest Respect and Esteem.

Honble Sir
Your most obedient & most
humble servant

Fredr. Vincent.

On Board the Osterly
21st. September 1761.

N°. 91.

To the Hon~~ble~~ George Pigot Esq[R].
President & Governor &c[A]. Council
of Fort S[T]. George.

Hon~~ble~~ Sir & Sirs

Enclosed you will receive the Monthly Accounts of this Settlement for October.

Our want of Stationary Ware is so urgent that I hope you will excuse my Repeating my Request for an immediate supply.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Rich[D]. Fairfield.

Masulipatam
3[D]. Decmber 1761.

N°. 92.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq[R].
President & Governor &c[A]. Council
of Fort S[T]. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your favour of the 27th. Ultimo, and agreable to your orders M[r]. Alexander set out this morning for Madras.

Upon examining the Accounts of this Settlement I found a Ballance due from Nibaunpoody Tellagapah formerly Renter of Goondure &c[a]. of Pagodas (1293 32 40) which upon the best enquiry I believe to be a desperate debt as he owes to the Merchants and Souchars above Twelve Thousand Pagodas and all his Houses and Effects are Mortgaged for the Payment I hope there are none of the other Ballance in danger, tho I cannot help being under some Apprehensions if we have not Rain very soon, especially for the Salt Renters, as the remarkable dryness of the season has hitherto prevented the Lambardy people from coming to buy the Salt.

I am with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble
Servant
Rich[D]. Fairfield.

Masulipatam
7th. November 1761.

N°. 93.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to the Orders by our Chiefs at Negapatam departs at present from here the Factor Danish Bartholomeus Truter to proffer to your Worship a Letter transmitted hither by their Right Honourable; at the Guidance of which person this only being directed with all high regard subscribe.

Honble Sir & Worthy
Friends
Your faithful Friends & Humble
Servants

Pulliacat
30th. November 1761.

N°. 94.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Worthy Friends

Messrs. John Calland and Johan Philip Fabricius, being Executors to the Estate of Mr. Charles Lodowyh Hagemeister who was a Junior Merchant in our service and acted as second at Bimilipatam, We wrote to Mr. Fabricius on the 21st. ultimo, requesting he would deliver Mr. Hagemeisters Effects to the Chief of Pullicat as his affairs were in some measure connected with the Companys, In his answer dated the 4th. Instant he offers us all reasonable satisfaction in that respect, he declines to forward the Will we requested of him, but as it is absolutely requisite we should know the Contents thereof, necessity reduces us to have recourse to you, under whose Government those Executors reside, We therefore earnestly request you will exert your authority by obliging them to transmit the Will immediately hither, & insisting upon their persuading the said Hagemeisters Effects to Pullicat; that our Company may procure due satisfaction, altho' he died before their affairs during his Administration at Bimilipatam had been settled with them.

Your Compliance with our request in this Respect will induce us to render you all possible Assistance in cases of the same nature.

We remain with the greatest
Esteem
Honble Sir & Worthy Friends
Your faithful Friends Humble Servants

Negapatam Castle
Novr. 13th. 1761.

N°. 95.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Present serves to forward your honor &ca. the Duplicate Books of this Settlement ending last April, and the Journal Parcels & Cash Accounts for the Months of September and October.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most obliged
Humble Servant
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
The 13th. November 1761.

N°. 96.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Ward having by our Directions landed the Consignment from the Company on board for your Presidency, we shall forward it you by the first opportunity in the meantime we request you will send us Copy of the Europe Invoice for our Guidance.

In our last Duplicate whereof is enclosed as likewise of our Letter of the 3d. Instant We informed you of our Intention of sending the Plassey to bring away as many of the Timbers as possbile from Chittagong, but as her return in time to be dispatched to England is very precarious, We did not chuse to hazard it at this Juncture, as none of the other Ships expected this Season are yet arrived or any News concerning them We have therefore come to the resolution of detaining her here in order to be dispatched early to Europe.

Agreable to your desire We now forward to you Invoice of the presents We put on board the Leopard Snow for the King of Moco Moco and which were landed at Fort St. George by your order.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient hum̃. Servants
Henry Vansittart.
P. Amyatt.
Warren Hastings.

Fort William
the 22nd. October 1761.

N°. 97.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the honor to write you on the 8th. Octr. & Duplicates of the 4th. December by favour of Mr. Cole Factor wherein I sent you the particulars of my transactions to this place & enclosed a Copy of the Governor of Malacca's

Receipt for the Honble Companys Bencoolen Cargo landed here, the Packets & Soldiers I have kept on Board all the time as I was in hopes of a ships arriving from the Coast to take them on board before I left this place, as we propose to leave this the 20th. Instant am obliged to land the Soldiers & Packets under the care of Mr. Fraser one of our Super Cargoes who has consented to stay here on that service as the Governor would not suffer them to be landed without an Officer stayed that had some Authority over them, otherways should have been obliged to carry them to China.

Have landed here 22 Soldiers whose Names you have enclosed & 2 Packets, shall leave attested Copy of the Governors Receipts for the Cargo landed here, under Care of Mr. Fraser, to be delivered to the Gentlemen you may appoint to receive the Cargo.

The Account of Expences landing & Cash advanced the Factors Writers and Companys Soldiers here, the Supercargoes will send you the particulars and by the first Conveyance.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Hble. Servant
PINSON BONHAM.

MALACCA
18TH. APRIL 1761.

No. 98.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 16th. of this Instant (April) I landed here Twenty two Soldiers belonging to the Honble Company and propose sailing for China in two or three Days in Company with the Norfolk.

As the Governor and Council of this Place would not permit the soldiers to be landed without an Officer to take charge of them and be answerable for their Behaviour, Alexander Fraser Esqr. our Supra Cargoe has undertaken that Office to whom I shall refer you for further particulars, having left with him the Honble Companys Packets, attested receipts of the Bencoolen Cargoe Soldiers &ca.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servant
BENJA. GODFREY.

MALACCA
APRIL 18TH. 1761.

No. 99.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURED SIR

We had the pleasure to receive by the Leopard Snow your obliging Letter dated April 22d. which afforded us the most sensible satisfaction, in finding you was so well pleased with our Assistance, tho' it was regarded by us only as an indispensible duty we owed your nation as Friends and Allies who have a right to expect all such services from us, that cannot prove prejudicial to ourselves and being certain you will act in the same manner when an opportunity offers: We must beg you will excuse us for not permitting Hock & De

Wind to accept of the two hundred Spanish Dollars, which were so politely offered them, for only exerting their endeavours, in doing the duty they had particular. orders to perform.

We forward by this Conveyance an Account of the Goods sent & of those remaining here, which we shall take all possible Care of, but are affraid the flower that remains will be entirely spoilt if not soon conveyed from hence.

Mr. Fraser the Super Cargo paid all the Charges & kept the Soldiers that Landed continually under proper decipline, he was likewise particularly careful in preventing the Goods from being damaged, and to his great Credit acted in every respect becoming the Station he was in There is only an account for 400 Spanish Dollars which you will find were advanced to Mr. Hendrick Russel for his occasional Expences.

We hope you will not be displeased at the Liberty we took in detaining 4728½ lb. of Salt Beef and Bacon for own use, by Mr. Frazers consent, which shall either be returned with thanks or the amount thereof paid in money when you please to favor us with an Answer concerning it.

We remain with great Respect,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. hble Servants

Malacca
Augt. 10th. 1761.

No. 100.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Leopard Snow arrived here June the 21st. by which I was favored with yours of April 22d. My satisfaction was the greater as it procured me liberty in time to proceed to China The Muxadavat Capt. Ormston arrived here the 10th. Instant on whom I take my Passage a Swede Ship from the Malabar Coast arrived the 9th. and Sailed the 12th. The Neptune Captain Purting arrived here the 7th. of last month and sailed the 12th. The Norfolk & Duke of Richmond sailed from hence the 20th. April.

The Cause of my remaining after the Ships sailed from hence, was an opinion it might produce good effect to the Honble Companys service, knowing you to be engaged in a most active War, and believing a supply of Recruits might be very desirable.

When the Norfolk & Duke of Richmond were ready for their Departure there were 44 Recruits remaining on board their ships, it was thought adviseable they should be left there, that there might not be disappointment to your Plans; tho' they were not particularly mentioned in the Captains Instructions The Captains accordingly applied to the Governor for his Permission which he refused, on a visit to him afterwards I found his strongest reason for his refusal, was there being so many and no Officer to keep them under regulation, and that he could not properly bring them under the Discipline of the Dutch Military. I represented that it might possibly be a considerable service done our Honble Company, and offered to remain myself with them, and engage to keep them under good order & discipline; This he objected not to, and desired we would write to the Council, which Mr. Searle & I did, It was then allowed and the soldiers were soon after landed, and lodged in ahouse hired, and fitted for them The Governor not careing to sign receipts to the Captains for them Mr. Searle and I did, and for the Mony left for their Subsistance.

They being all in want of Cloaths, we supplied every one with a Military Hat. Coat & Breeches, from the Fort Marlbro Stores, and bought two shirts

for each out of the Dutch Companys Warehouse; and resolved to pay them eight stivers ℘ day for their Subsistance which is about eight rupees ℘ Month a rupee being thirty Stivers here.

This service I might have found easier, but for a powerful opposition I unexpectedly had to encounter, supported by promises, threats and money, and every the most assiduous means I have heard which Mr. Russel could think of, without my taking notice of it till I found by the Insolence of some of them that my authority was very tottering, and required some Resolution to support it. A Copy of a Paper delivered to me open by the soldiers from him I have enclosed; and as I understand he is a person very minute and industruous in his remarks, he possibly may deliver misrepresentations. Your Honour will admit that for an apology my troubling you likewise with a swilled collection of regulations given out occasionally, and calculated only to establish in the mind of the Soldiers, some notions of obedience and respect to authority and no further, should it be thought needful to look into it, It contains all that I have thought or done, in respect to the Soldiers and Mr. Russel. In my regulations I appointed one a Serjeant with an addition of two stivers ℘ day, and four Corporals at an addition of one stiver ℘ day; they have been usefull & to encourage them to it I promised to recommend them I agreed with the Surgeon of this Garrison at twenty Spanish Dollars ℘ month for his attendance and medecines, as receipts and accompt, my own expences must defer till the next opportunity, not having the whole account. One Soldier have lost by death, and one have added Alexr. McKenzie who had been a Soldier on the West Coast.

The Goods are in good condition all the Provision Casks well coopered for shipping, and every other Package repaired that required it; some Casks of Shot & nails which lay near the ground were destroyed by the white ants; in place of which we had new ones made which makes an alteration in the number of packages, this is remarked in the Lists of Mr. Albertson, and Mr. Manington. In Justice to these young Gentlemen, I must say they have the whole time shewed a willing, diligent, and carefull attention to every service.

I was June 22d. desired to attend the Council when the Governor related to me that by the greater part of their Garrison being on the other side of Sumatra, carrying on War in an Enemys Country, where no provision was to be had, they were obliged to supply them from this place, and no Vessel being arrived here from Batavia this Year they were very necessitous, and asked if I thought they might not take of our Honble Companys provision to supply their present occasion I gave my opinion they might, beleiving it allowable in all places under a like Distress; and the more so as your honour may procure a return from any of their Settlements, when you should want it, The Quantity they have taken are twenty six Casks containing 2374 lb. dutch of Pork, and 2354½ lb. ℘ dutch of Beef in the whole dutch lb. 4728½ as ℘ receipt.

The two dutch Gentlemen you were pleased to desire a hundred dollars be given to each, the Governor desired me not to give, saying the service was no more than the duty of all, and while they were upon that service they were excused other Tho I believe those persons would have been pleased with it, and think they deserved it.

As I shall not see all the Goods shipped off that the Leopard will take I have given my best assistance towards it, and discharged all the expenses incurred here.

I congratulate your Honour on the great success which hath attended your Military operations And am.

Malacca
July the 14th. 1760.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
Alexr. Fraser.

To Alexander Fraser Esq[r].

Sir

Whereas The Honourable Companys Soldiers have made a general Complaint to me with respect to their want of Cloathing, and Advancement of such a sum of Money, as they think, they are entitled to, for their Subsistence, I deem it a duty incumbent on me, as being principal Agent belonging to The Honourable Company's Settlement at Fort Marlborough,/whether these men were bound/to lay before You the following Observations, Viz[t].

Had the Soldiers been put under my Directions, agreeable to their most earnest Request specified in a Letter, under date of the 7th. Instant addressed to the Captains, Bonham and Godfrey, but intercepted by the latter,/ The Contents whereof, I doubt not your are well acquainted with/I should have furnished every Man before he came on shore,/who wanted/with a Hat, two Caps, two Shirts two Waistcoats, two Pair of Breeches, two Pair of Stockings, two Pair of Shoes, a Pair of Shoe, and Knee Buckles, shirt sleeve Buttons and a little black Ribbon. I would have paid every man daily ten pence, and two days in the Month one shilling and Three pence extraordinary each day which is at the rate of five Spanish Dollars ℔ Month, And in so doing I am perswaded, I should not have incurred the Displeasure of My Honourable Masters.

Other Regulations I should likewise have put in force, which would have tended to the Interest and Credit of the Honble Company, as well as to the entire satisfaction of the soldiers, whose Conduct hitherto I highly approve of, and on whom I build great Expectations. I am with all due Deference

Malacca
April 20th. 1761.

Sir
Your very humble Servant
Hen: Russell.

To M[r]. Henry Russell

Sir

Your open letter was delivered to me yesterday by our Soldiers acquainting me in what manner you would have Cloathed, and supplied them, were they under your management: The trouble you might have spared yourself till you were asked, at least in the method you used. For it does not seem to me justifiable exciting discontent among a body of Men. I would choose to think you had no such intention, And do assure you, the only consequence attending it would be, that the soldiers might be led to meet severities, which I believe they will otherways escape.

As I have taken the Management of this Service upon myself you are sensible it is me only who will be accountable Therefore desire you would not trouble more, upon these kind of subjects.

Malacca
21st. April 1761

I am
S[r].
Your most humble Servant
Alex[r]. Fraser.

N°. 101.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq[r].
President & Governor &c[a]. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Monthly Accounts of this Settlement for November.

There are Ten thousand Madras Pagodas in Cash here which can well be spared, either to begin in Investment, or sent to the Presidency as you may judge most proper.

MASULIPATAM
5TH. DECEMBER 1761.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

P.S.—The Leopard Snow is this Minute arrived from Vizagapatam Capt. Barclay informs me he was obliged to cut out of that Road the 2d. in a violent Gale of Wind, leaving behind two Company's Servants & 12 Military he put in here for Anchors and Cables, but as We have none to supply him he will proceed to Madrass tomorrow.

[No. 102]

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am just now favored with your Letter of the 28th. Ultimo, and agreable to your Directions take the Opportunity of the Leopard Snow to send you the Seven French Deserters and the Invalid Seapoy I have also put on board two Corporals who have served their time and are unwilling to Relist.

The Serjeants of Seapoys here have been allowed only four Pagodas ₱ Month, they have applied to have it increased to five Pagodas, alledging all the Seapoy Serjeants to the Southward are paid at that rate, You will please to favour me with your Directions in regard to their Demand.

I have made enquiry regarding Tellagapa's Ballance which arose in this manner, One Mahomud Ally Begg was Renter of Goondure, Anclamanda, Tumadee and Peddanah untill the 31st. August last, he having become Bankrupt by Misfortune in bad Management, was unable to pay his Rent, This Tellagapah was a Renter under him and offered Mr. Andews to become Answerable for the Ballance being Pagodas 4043—31—40 provided the Farm was given him, this Mr. Andrews agreed to, and he accordingly reduced the Ballance to 1293—31—40 but having soon after reason to suspect his Circumstances he Joined one Condanah in the Farm with him this was the state of the Affair when I arrived, and had all the Renters before me to acknowledge their Several Ballances when Condanah acquainted me Tellagapah was in debt Twelve Thousand Pagodas to different Merchants, and that all his Houses & Effects were Mortgaged, that he had received Three hundred Pagodas from One of the Villages and spent the Money, therefore he Condanah would not pretend to be answerable for the Rent while he had any part of the Management, upon enquiry, I found all this to be the real truth of the case, by their Cowle they were bound jointly and seperately I therefore ordered Condanah to take the sole Management, and if any Profits arose up on the Farm it was to be equally divided and Tellagapahs half to go to the discharge of his Ballance, but the extream dryness of the season leaves no hopes of Profit to the Farmer, on the contrary I have been informed it will not Produce half the Companys Rent, however no care shall be wanting to recover the whole.

Your Honour &ca. Regulations of the Servants &ca. at this Garrison shall be punctually complied with, and at the End of the Month all above the Number shall be discharged, unless you shall please to order to the Contrary upon what I shall beg leave to say upon the subject.

There are three Braminys employed here, and you allow but one in the Regulation One may be spared, but I do assure you the other two are absolutely
Regulation One may be spared, but I do assure you the other two are absolutely
Paymasters Imploy, besides, these two men have been brought up from Children in the Companys Service at Ingeram & Bandarmalanka, and I will venture to say are two as faithfull Capable Servants as ever were employed of their Cast.

The Twelve Lascars and a Syrang charged to the Sea Customer which you have struck off, are absolutely necessary, as they are the Crews of the two Barr Boats, and We have no Boat people in this place, and none of the fifty allowed for the Artillery are fit for the purpose;

You are pleased to allow only Twenty Rupees ℔ Month for Oyl for the Barracks & Fort House. I do assure you it costs me more for the Factory House, Judge then how insufficient it must be for the Barracks, Hospital & Several Guards in Town & Pettah, the 63 Rupees Hitherto charged to the Military & Seapoys was barely sufficient.

MASULIPATAM
8TH. DECEMBER 1761.

I am with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant,
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

N°. 103.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favoured with your Letter of the 3rd. October, & congratulate you on the Arrival of the Plassey at Vizagapatam; The Fox, Earl of Holdernesse & Warren we hope are also safely arrived.

It is with Concern We observe your Honour &ca. had sent the Fattee Salam to the Bay, for as the Owners of that ship let her to the Company, contrary to their own Interest merely to forward a particular Service, which at that time could not be dispensed with, they have represented to us, that they think themselves hardly used by this Deviation, both as to the uncertainty of the ships being again returned into their Hands, as the additional Risque they are thereby subjected to, which we being duly sensible of, have strenuously requested the Gentlemen of Bengal to return her immediately to us, from which We apprehend, no Inconvenience can result to your Affairs, as the service you proposed for her may be performed by any of our Honourable Masters Ships, that may be sent to you from Bengal, to fill up for Europe.

Having received Intelligence, which We were of opinion might be depended upon, that two of the Enemies ships of War were gone from the Islands to Batavia, as Convoy to two others sent thither for Provisions & Judging it probable the two former might endeavour to intercept our Honble Masters China Ships either Out or Homeward bound, We communicated the same to Capt. John Bladen Tinker Commander of the Medway & Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships then here & desired he would pursue such Measures as he might think most likely to frustrate the Enemys Designs in consequence of which he immediately got ready for the Sea, & sailed the 27th. Ultimo for Columbo, having sent the Panther thither a few days before him to wait & proceed thence with him on the above Service & We hope they will get soon enough into such a Station, as will effectually secure the Companys China ships from any Designs the Enemy may have formed against them, & be assisting in any thing you may judge necessary for the Companys Interest to the Eastward either in countenancing Bencoolen or otherwise, in which We are sensible Capt. Timber will readily cooperate, on your communicating the same to him.

His Majestys Ship Baleine arrived at Anjengo the 3rd. September & sailed the same Evening for your place & by a Letter We received the 29th. of that Month from Mr. Thomas Hague Master of the Plassies, dated at Joanna the 28th. August. We learn that our Honble Masters Ship Prince Henry Packet

arrived at St. Augustines Bay the 28th. July. The President likewise at the same time received a Letter from Captain Peter Mcleshin of the Deligent Sloop dated the 12th. August at Masselage Bay on the Island of Madagascar, but without mentioning the time of his Arrival or any other Particulars.

By the private Advices from Bussorah We learn, our Honble Masters Ships Boscawen, Calcutta, Earl of Elgin, Royal Captain, True Briton & Norfolk left England the 26th. of May.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Cha: Crommelin.
J. Byfield.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Robt. Holford.
Samuel Court.

B'Bay Castle
12th. November 1761.

No. 104.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 28th. Ultimo came to hand two Letters from your Honour &ca. of the 25th. August and in Consequence of Your Representation of the Necessity of the Return of Messrs. Stevenson & Cotsford to your Coast they now proceed to Anjengo for that Purpose But with respect to the Pioneers as Myhie is not yet quite demolished and it would be impracticable to send them overland We detain them though Your Honour &ca. may be assured of their returning likewise with their Tools by the first Sea Conveyance Ensign Weir who commanded them being esteemed by Admiral Cornish as one who might be useful on the intended Expedition is gone with him The Fleet sailed hence the 10th. Ultimo and on the 24 Imported here the Lenox which followed two days after.

We have drawn two Bills on your Honour &ca. of this Date one for Bombay rupees, Nine hundred seventy four two Quarters and forty Reas (974–2–40) payable to Captain William Stevenson and the other for Bombay Rupees five hundred and sixty seven (567) payable to Lieutenant & Edward Cotsford which We hope you'll duely Honour it being the Arrears due to them of their Allowance of Bay and Quarters with that of an Horse to the former from the 1st. February to the End of this Month.

Some time last month a small French Merchant Ship arrived from the Mauritius at Goa where she still Remains.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Thos. Hodges.
Titus Scott.
Thos Satchwell.
Wm. Taylor.
Thos. Day.

Tellicherry
20th. October 1761.

N°. 105.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble Companys Snow the Leopard Capt. Barclay imported here from Malacca the 22^{d}. Instant she left that Place the 14th. of August last and having touched at Atcheen where she remained some time she sailed from thence the 7th. Instant.

Messrs. Russell, Albertson, & Manington three of the Companys Servants for the West Coast are Passengers on board the Leopard with Forty Recruits for the Garrison of Fort Marlborough and Captain Barclay acquaints me that she is loaded with part of the Cargoes of the Norfolk & Duke of Richmond which were landed at Malacca last year, The season of the year not being far enough advanced she will either Winter here or at Metchlepatam and proceed to Madrass about the begining of January.

Captain Barclay having by my directions landed two Packets directed to the Worshipfull the Deputy Governor & Council of Fort Marlbrõ, which came likewise to Malacca by the Norfolk & Duke of Richmond, I now forward to your Honour &c^{a}. Council the Norfolks & shall dispatch the other from hence tomorrow.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
humble Servant
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
the 25th. Novr. 1761.

N°. 106.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In my last of the 25th. Ultimo I advised you of the Arrival of the Leopard Snow at this place, and that she intended to winter either here or at Metchlepatam.

I am now to acquaint your Honour &c^{a}. Council that Yesterday about noon she was drove out of this Road in a Gale of Wind, and not having been seen from hence since, I imagine that she will proceed to Madrass if the Weather should prove more moderate, if not, in all probability be drove to Trinkamalay Bay as she has now no Anchor on board which can be trusted, having lost her Sheet Anchor before she was drove from hence.

Messrs. Russell & Manington two of the Companys Servants and twelve of the Military that came ashore from the Leopard for Refreshments are left behind, I shall take the first Opportunity which offers of sending them to Madrass.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
humble Servant
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
the 3^{d}. December 1761.

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